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40 Days for Life March 27 Update – We're Having An Impact in Augusta
Penny Morrell Contributes a Great Message.

Today, Monday, March 28, 2011 is the half way point of our 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. Because this year there is so much happening with the pro-life movement we chose not to have a mid-point rally. Penney Morrell of Concerned Women of America of Maine has graciously written words of encourage meant for this mid-point e-mail. Penney's message will appear at the end of this e-mail.

Nationally, we are being encourage to call our [Member of Congress' district office](#) with the following message: Vote against any Continuing Resolution (CR) that does not contain Congressman Mike Pence's amendment de-funding Planned Parenthood. The time has come to draw the line and de-fund the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood. De-funding Planned Parenthood is non-negotiable. Please call [Rep. Pingree](#) or [Rep. Michaud](#) office today. It's not to late.

In Maine, we are being encouraged to contact the members of the Maine Judiciary Committee and encourage them to vote in favor of L.D. 31 "An Act To Protect the Safety of Maine Children by Requiring the Express Consent of a Legal Guardian To Dispense Prescription Medication to a Minor." For a list of e-mails of the Judiciary Committee please [click here](#). Subject line should read: L.D. 31 Ought to Pass. State House phone: (207) 287-1316. The senate message phone is 800-423-6900. This is the first of many pieces of legislation the Judiciary Committee will be hearing..

In the first 20 days 40 Days for life has saved 178 babies from abortion. Our prayers and fasting have contributed to these lives being saved. Augusta Maine has been mentioned twice in the National Daily updates. If you missed it click on the date to view the blog ([March 25](#) and [March 12](#)). If you are not receiving the daily updates in devotional e-mails please visit www.40daysforlife.com/augusta-maine to sign up. Encourage all of your pro-life friends to sign up for daily updates.

This is our third year holding a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil. In the first two years Family Planning Association of Maine has claimed that we have no impact on them. This year they are admitting we are having an impact by lunching a blog to coincide with 40 Days for Life. In this blog they are lying about our prayer vigil by claiming that we have a line of people yelling at them. <http://www.mainefamilyplanning.org/blog>

Please read Penny Morrell's message:

Don't Lose Heart

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it" Ezekiel 22:30.

Knowing that intercessory prayer is our mightiest weapon and supreme call for Christians today, I pleadingly urge our people everywhere to pray. Let there be prayer at sunup, at noonday, at sundown, at midnight, all through the day. Let us all pray for our children, our youth, our aged, our pastors, our homes. Let us pray for our churches. Let us pray for ourselves, that we may not lose the word "concern" for those who have never known Jesus Christ and redeeming love, for moral forces everywhere, for our national leaders.

Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our practice... *General Robert E. Lee*

Maine Family Planning does not have the ultimate responsibility for making critical decisions about school-aged children nor do public schools. According to facts published on their website, Maine Family Planning treated 3,229 teenage girls last year without their parents' knowledge or involvement. In a Zogby study, 70 percent of parents disapprove of their child being able to obtain contraception without their knowledge or approval. The same poll found that 90 percent of parents agree with teaching teens the value of abstaining from sex at least through high school. The message our teens are hearing from Planned Parenthood and comprehensive sex education is not values-based.

In Maine, 46.5 percent of high school students are sexually active (Family Planning).

Despite the \$3.37 million dollars given to Family Planning of Maine last year, 1 out of 23 Maine teens experienced an unwanted pregnancy (Family Planning) (Minors' Access). Nationwide, 1 out of 4 teenagers has a sexually transmitted disease (One in Four).

In Exodus we read of Moses going back before the leaders of the nation saying "Let my people go." And even with the favor of God Almighty on him and his words, the pharaoh still denied Moses and Truth. We want to tell Moses: "Just take the people and go! God is with you. What are you waiting for? You and Israel and Egypt can all see that God is God and that nothing can stop you. Why are you not just packing up and heading outta there?" But Moses keeps going back with new revelation and strength from God every time. Is this not like what we do for the unborn? It seems forever for us, and it is exhausting, AND we keep looking for a break through. And at times we have victories, and they are sometimes small, sometimes huge, - and then we have a time of joy, only to see that nothing really changed in the big picture and the enemy seems to keep winning.

But what a great God we serve. In His time, we will win life for the unborn. In His time we will rejoice! Meanwhile we keep speaking truth, calling out God's word in the public square; "Let my people go." Listening, obeying His word and believing!

In my devotions I found these thoughts and share them with you from Proverbs 31 Ministries.

"Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart." 2 Corinthians 4:1 (NIV)

As a mom of two small children years ago, I could often be found complaining about the mess, the noise, the lack of "me" time. But God began showing me that being a mom was about having

a ministry to these little people He had given me. It's only through His mercy that I have these children and—while I was in the midst of my ministry—I should not lose heart.

Later on, my circumstances would change. But I would read the familiar verse and apply my current situation to it.

Now I am just as quick to lose heart. I have a ministry that looks different from the ones I have had. This one involves new challenges, new feelings of inadequacy. Yet I am reminded again that it is only through His mercy that I have this ministry. And in the midst of this ministry—even as I struggle with challenges and inadequacies—I should not lose heart.

What can we do when we are losing heart in the midst of the ministry God has given us, whatever it might be?

Luke 18:1 tells us we should always pray and not give up.

2 Corinthians 4:16 says we should remember that we are being renewed inwardly day by day.

Galatians 6:9 tells us that we should focus on the harvest that will come if we do not give up.

Ephesians 3:12-13 says that we should find comfort in the amazing ability we have to approach God with freedom and confidence.

2 Thessalonians 3:13 tells us that we should just keep doing what is right.

And finally Hebrews 12:3 says that we should think about Jesus and what He endured on our behalf. Nothing we are going through will compare with that.

These verses help me to keep things in perspective when I lose heart and I hope they will help you, too. Whether you are a single woman caring for an elderly parent, a mom of young children, a professional in a tough job, a wife in a struggling marriage, a woman chasing after her dreams, or praying here these 40 Days for Life, it's easy to lost heart from time to time. What will we do about it when it happens? These verses can help us remember that God in His mercy gave us a ministry, and we can live out our callings without losing heart if we will only keep turning to Him.

Have you recognized this prayer ministry God has given you as a ministry?

Dear Lord, we know we are where You want us, that You gave us this prayer ministry. And we know that You do not want us to lose heart but to persevere. Help us to remember to focus on You when we want to run away - to find our strength in You. Thank You for Your mercy. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

1 Samuel 17:32, "David said to Saul, 'Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.'" (NIV)

Penny Marrell, Area Director of Concerned Women of America of Maine

Thank you, Penny for giving us an inspiring message. Please encourage a friend to become a part of the 40 Days for Life Ministry. Judy is still in need of people to fill time slots.

Please forward this e-mail to all of your pro-life friends.

Thank you for being a part of the 40 Days for Life prayer ministry.

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