



# 2024 Life Chain Church Package

LIFE CHAIN CANADA

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## WHAT IS LIFE CHAIN?

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human life. This annual demonstration brings awareness to the ongoing injustice of abortion and the harm it inflicts on mothers, fathers, and the community at large. It is a simple but powerful reminder to our fellow citizens of our duty to defend the weakest members of our society.

The very first Life Chain was held in 1987 by a small pro-life group called Please Let Me Live Inc. in Yuba City, California. Campaign Life Coalition brought Life Chain to Canada in 1990, and this event has continued every year since. It has saved lives, connected post-abortive parents to healing, and introduced countless individuals to the pro-life movement; for many, Life Chain is their first foray into pro-life activism. In 2023, Life Chain reached 325 communities from coast to coast—all ten provinces and one territory. Over 15,000 Canadians are estimated to have participated.



As usual, Life Chain will be held on the first Sunday of October this year—**October 6, 2024**. In order to determine the location and time of your nearest Life Chain, please visit: [www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain).

On the day of the event, those participating in Life Chain will stand at various predetermined intersections for one hour in silent prayer, holding non-graphic signs with slogans like: “Abortion Kills Children,” “Abortion Hurts Women,” “Adoption: A Loving Option, and “Jesus Forgives & Heals.” The signs are distributed and collected by a local organizer. This organizer will direct participants and liaise with any law enforcement or media.

Please contact your local organizer if you have any questions or concerns. Alternatively, you may contact Life Chain Canada (1-800-730-5358, [lifechain@campaignlifecoalition.com](mailto:lifechain@campaignlifecoalition.com)).



## **BULLETIN/PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT #1**

Life Chain is a prayerful and peaceful witness to the sanctity of human life and the evil of abortion. Participants pray and hold signs with messages such as “Abortion kills children” & “Abortions hurts women” at hundreds of locations across North America for one hour. Please join us at <insert intersection> on <insert date and time>. This is a family-friendly event appropriate for people of all ages. It’s a unique opportunity to provide our neighbours with a much-needed message of love, hope, and truth. Remember how Our Lord asked His apostles: “Could you not watch one hour with me?” (Mk 14:37)

### **SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT #2**

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event that raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being, no matter their age. Please join us this year at <insert intersection> on <insert date and time>. The organizer will greet you and provide you signs with messages like “Abortion kills children,” “Abortion hurts women,” “Adoption: a loving option.” You are asked to spread out along the sidewalk and to pray silently for the hour. As Proverbs 24:12 cautions, “... if you say, ‘Look, we did not know this’—does not He who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not He who keeps watch over your soul know it? And will He not repay all according to their deeds?” Please set aside an hour of your Sunday to defend God’s children.

### **SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT #3**

You are invited to be a part of an important pro-life witness on <insert date and time> at <insert location>. At this location and hundreds of others across North America, we will form a “Life Chain,” bearing signs with messages like “Abortion kills children” and “Adoption: a loving option” and there we will pray silently for the hour. Everyone is welcome to peacefully, publicly, and safely call upon our community to protect human life. Simply show up and follow the directives of the local organizer. Let’s advocate for the innocent; as Christ Himself reminds us, “Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me” (Mt 25:40).

### **SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT #4**

As the letter of James urges, let us be doers, and not just hearers of the Word! Join us at <insert intersection> on <insert date and time> to participate in Life Chain, an annual pro-life event demanding an end to the killing of the preborn in Canada. Be a voice for the voiceless! Come to defend those who are incapable of defending themselves. Everyone is welcome—regardless of age, background, or experience. Visit Campaign Life Coalition's website—[www.campaignlifecoalition.com](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com)—for more information.



## LIFE CHAIN CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Please arrive promptly, accounting for the time required for parking, sign pick-up, and positioning.
2. Stand along public sidewalks, spaced a couple of metres apart from fellow participants, facing traffic with your sign, ensuring you do not block pedestrians, driveways, or drivers' sightlines.
3. Commit to being peaceful and law-abiding. Do not physically interfere with passers-by and do not jostle for position if any counter-protesters block your Life Chain signs.
4. Avoid casual talk, frivolity, and arguments—even if initiated by passers-by. Life Chain is intended to be a somber and quiet prayer vigil. Be mindful of the message being presented to the public—through both signs and body language.
5. Refer police, media, local business owners, or other passers-by who want information to the organizer. Notify the organizer of any misconduct from passers-by or counter-protesters, so that he/she can respond.
6. Please do not display other signs, or distribute material, unless the organizer permits you to do so.
7. Please take care of your sign and return it to the organizer for use in future Life Chains.
8. Watch your small children at all times.

