

# Life Chain

## History of Life Chain

The annual Life Chain takes place on the first Sunday of October across the United States and Canada with thousands of Christians participating. This event provides a visual statement of solidarity by our local Christian community that abortion is wrong and that the Church Christ founded is opposed to the unmerciful killing of preborn children.

The Life Chain began in 1987 in California and has grown to the point that in 2018 Life Chains were held in over 1,500 cities and towns.

The Life Chain is church oriented and pastor focused. The key to a successful Life Chain is for local pastors to educate their congregations about abortion and then lead them to participate.

Participants stand approximately 6 feet apart on both sides of the street while holding non-graphic 17" by 22" signs (provided). The back of each sign includes prayer topics, songs of meditation, the Life Chain Code of Conduct and a statement on the purpose of Life Chain.

## Life Chain "Code of Conduct"

Let us enter the Life Chain in a prayerful spirit. Life Chain is not a rally or celebration. We stand against a holocaust, holding signs that say *Abortion Kills Children, Abortion Hurts Women, Jesus Forgives and Heals, Adoption: the Loving Option, and Lord Forgive Us and Our Nation* and our spirit and countenance should bear witness to these facts. Let us also express, as best we can, the love and forgiveness found in our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for standing up for Life, for defending those who have no voice, and for maintaining a prayerful spirit.

**Let's be humble yet bold** in our obedience to God, recognizing our stand is for the children, their mothers and other relatives, and for our nation's preservation.

**In the spirit of Christian love**, let's commit to be peaceful, prayerful and polite in both word and deed. Any misconduct from passerby should be met with silence and a kind smile to express our inner peace and forgiveness.

**To acknowledge motorists** who support our Life Chain, kindly respond with a friendly facial expression and not with a verbal or animated response. Our sincerity will be a powerful witness in keeping with our signs. Prayer with eyes closed is the best response.

**Please help others**, especially mothers with small children and seniors. Please pick up trash nearby before departing.

### **Please:**

Allow pedestrians to pass by.

Stand back from the street, on the sidewalk.

Do not extend your sign beyond the curb.

Use crosswalks and do not hold up traffic.