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40 DAYS FOR LIFE™
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Devotional for Preparation
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Intention: For God's blessing and protection upon the coming 40 Days for Life Baton Rouge campaign and for the conversion of many souls.

Scripture:

Haggai 1:1-8:

"Is it time for you to dwell in your own paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Consider your ways! Go up into the hill country; bring timber, and build the house that I may take pleasure in it and receive my glory says the Lord".

Haggai 2:1-9

"Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? And how do you see it now? Does it not seem like nothing in your eyes? But now take courage...says the LORD...And take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD and work!

For I am with you, says the LORD of hosts. This is the pact that I made with you when you came out of Egypt, and my Spirit continues in your midst; do not fear!

For thus says the LORD of hosts: One moment yet, a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will come in, and I will fill this house with glory says the LORD of hosts...Greater will be the future glory of this house than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give you peace..."

Reflection:

I can't help but see these words of Sacred Scripture in reference to what God is doing right here and right now! The house he is speaking of is within each person--the symbolism of house and soul. We may see visibly the house as the Delta Clinic, the outer body and within this house, the souls who enter, and we, those who are called to be present during these forty days, are praying for each soul who comes to this dwelling place and for their unborn child. What great courage these words are for us today in the midst of ruin. Every time we go to pray at Delta, we bring our "timber of prayers" to rebuild this place of darkness to prepare the way for God's glory to enter within the dwelling place, the outer body into the inner, where the soul resides.

Let our prayer and fasting for these forty days be all for God's awesome glory! Let us pray before our feet hit the ground in the morning, as we brush our teeth, as we travel, as we work, as we breathe in union with our Lord Jesus Christ pouring out every ounce of prayer for the sake of so many souls who need God's amazing love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. Let us go to the foot of the cross at every hour during these forty days pleading as Jesus did on the cross "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we humbly ask through the cross of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the blood of the unborn, the martyrs of our day, that through our unceasing prayer and fasting that it may serve to purify the souls of those who are blinded, who need mercy so that they may be able to see and be with their children in heaven. In Christ, we pray. Amen.