

# Praying for Moral Choices, Moral Decisions, a Moral PA State Budget

May-June 2011

**Fast for PA's Vulnerable** is a prayer focus on behalf of Pennsylvania's poor, the sick, elderly, and homeless.

Protecting our most vulnerable is a vital government responsibility. More than 1.7 million Pennsylvanians receive life-sustaining services from the Commonwealth.

- Pray that our leaders make helping the poor, children, the elderly, and the sick their top priority in the 2011-2012 state budget.
- Pray that they do not turn the vulnerable into political pawns in the budget debate.
- Pray that they make moral choices, moral decisions and a moral state budget.

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## Why Should You Fast?

Pennsylvania's most vulnerable are at risk in the coming state budget. **We are in a crisis that demands moral choices, moral decisions for a moral state budget.**

Some in Harrisburg want to cut a half-billion dollars that fund vital programs for the poor – homeless aid, medical assistance, long-term care, health care clinics, mental health programs – to curry political favor.

One plan removes a half-billion dollars from the Department of Public Welfare. Other areas targeted for elimination include:

- Community-based family centers, which help at-risk families.
- Programs helping Pennsylvanians suffering from debilitating illnesses like diabetes and lupus.
- The Human Services Development Fund, which undergirds vital human service programs in every county. And many, many more.

**We understand Pennsylvania is in a fiscal crisis. We are not asking for new programs, or dramatic increases in existing programs, but simply a budget that reflects our moral obligation to the most vulnerable.**

Act now! Here's what you can do.

- Join the Fast for PA's Vulnerable.
- Pray for our elected leaders. Pray that they make moral choices, moral decisions for a moral state budget.
- Contact your legislator and Gov. Tom Corbett. Let them know you expect them to protect Pennsylvania's vulnerable citizens.

## How can you fast?

**Fasting is a powerful spiritual discipline. It is a personal decision to intensely focus on prayer and on the needs of others.**

Many people fast by limiting their intake of foods during a certain period of time. For some a fast can last for several weeks. For others, a fast can be for a meal each day, or a day each week. Fasting involves personal denial to help one prayerfully focus on the needs of others. **If you have health concerns, please consult with your health care practitioner.**

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