

out of my great anguish and grief...Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him” (1 Samuel 1:16-17).

23. Women and girls to receive the information and support they need to prevent pregnancies that are too soon and too often so that they can better care for their own health and the health of their babies.
24. Mothers who have been thrown out (divorced) or who have run away from abuse and are seeking refuge in shelters. Pray that they will learn new trades to support their families so they will not have to beg or become prostitutes.
25. Husbands and fathers to understand their responsibilities and to experience the joy of taking care of their families.
26. Women who desire to adopt and give an orphan the love and care he or she deserves. Pray for God’s blessings and provisions for those who take children into their homes because they have lost their parents to war, HIV/AIDS or extreme poverty.
27. The millions of girls worldwide who are under the age of 15, married and at risk of an early and dangerous pregnancy, according to the Population Council.
28. Women who live with the shame and grief of having aborted their babies to find forgiveness and new life through Jesus’ love.
29. Christian mothers who are trying to raise their children to know and love God even though their husbands and family follow other religious beliefs.
30. Mothers to teach their children that wealth will not satisfy their deepest needs but that Christ can give them true purpose and fill their emptiness. Suicide is a leading cause of death in wealthy countries among women and men between ages 15 and 44 (NASP: www.ki.se/suicide/sm_sverige_kvinnor.html).
31. Mothers who need information that will help them better care for their families. Pray for the millions of malnourished children worldwide.

Mothers who live in poverty often face horrendous choices. There are days they give up their food in order to feed, cloth or educate their children. In desperation, some send their children to live with those who falsely promise to educate them. Some mothers in abusive families escape to a scary, unknown place to protect their children from forced labor or from being sold into prostitution. And then there are the mothers who face the unthinkable thoughts of ending the life of their unborn baby because they are not able to feed the children they already have. These are choices no mother should have to make.

Most mothers are willing to risk their lives for their children. Even pregnancy is a risk to mothers in developing countries. Every minute, another woman dies in pregnancy or childbirth, many times from preventable bleeding or infections. Of the more than 500,000 women who die during pregnancy or childbirth every year, 90 percent live in Africa or Asia.

Education is key to helping women know the importance of healthy foods, medical assistance and sanitation. Mothers need information about the dangers of sending their children away, and they need the help of courageous Christians. A job, a safe place or even a meal can be a lifesaver to mothers in poverty. The gift of God’s love can offer these mothers the hope and peace that will carry them through the inescapable circumstances surrounding them.

Please pray with us for mothers who need God’s help to make it through one more day.

Women of Hope broadcasts in 56 languages. Monthly prayer calendars are used in more than 40 languages. (www.projecthannah.org)

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Praying for Mothers



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Please pray for...

1. Mothers to experience a relationship with God and have confidence that He loves them and will guide them as they show their children how to honor Him in all that they do.
2. Listeners and production teams of Project Hannah's (PH) *Women of Hope* (WoH) programs that are available in 56 languages through FM and shortwave radio, as well as on the Internet, CDs and cassettes.
3. Mothers to make caring for their children a priority in their lives and to realize the major responsibility they have to help shape their children's attitudes and beliefs about God, humankind and values.
4. Community leaders to provide skilled health workers and medical equipment to prevent pregnancy and childbirth complications. Pray that inexpensive drugs that do not need refrigeration will be available to prevent postpartum hemorrhaging, especially in isolated and poverty stricken areas.
5. Mothers to help the efforts to immunize against polio. To end a year-long polio epidemic, more than 85 million children under five years old in 19 countries across West and Central Africa are being immunized.
6. Mothers to choose life for their unborn children instead of abortion. Of the 190 million pregnancies around the world each year, over 40 million end in abortion.
7. Single mothers and mothers abandoned by their children's father to find care and help from Christians offering them hope for a better future because of God's love and grace.
8. Women to become more aware of the threat of AIDS to themselves and their children. Pray that they will teach their children the importance of abstinence before marriage and faithfulness in marriage. Pray for TWR's programming that provides character-based training to

help youth make wise decisions in the fight against AIDS.

9. Mothers to lead their children to understand God's gift of salvation and to show them that God can use them to do great things for eternity. Pray that mothers will teach their children to plan for the future and set priorities so that they will honor God with their choices of a spouse and career.
10. The power of the gospel to touch the hearts and lives of mothers who are deceived by false religions and ideologies. Pray they will nurture and protect their daughters as well as their sons.
11. Children (young and old) to show their mothers appreciation, love and respect for giving them life, loving them unconditionally and providing for them sacrificially.
12. Mothers and grandmothers to stop the custom of cutting young girls (Female Genital Mutilation), which is practiced in 28 countries in Africa and the Middle East. The World Health Organization estimates that 130 million women and girls have already undergone some form of cutting.
13. Young girls who were forced to marry as children and who had babies as teenagers causing many to have obstetric fistulas (holes in the birth canal that cause incontinence). Many are then forced to leave their homes when there is no treatment for their incontinence.
14. Women to courageously unite to help community leaders understand the importance of protecting women from rape and from the threat of unprotected relations with spouses who may be infected with HIV. HIV has become the leading cause of death and disease among women of reproductive age worldwide (United Nations).
15. The provision of better health care to stop the over 500,000 annual deaths worldwide from complications of

pregnancy and childbirth. The United Nations reports that 58 percent of developing-country births are not attended by skilled persons.

16. Women who have lost their babies through a miscarriage and are grieving the child they never held. Pray that God will reveal to them that they are not alone and that He feels their sorrow and pain.
17. Mothers in the Ivory Coast and other countries who are struggling to feed their children in the midst of lost employment. Sometimes over ten extended family members will live together in a small home because of poverty, political fighting, lost employment and disease. Pray for peaceful elections and opportunities for honest leaders to help their people have a better future.
18. Mothers who are grieving because of the death of a child. Pray that anguish, guilt, anger and depression will not overcome them. Pray also for mothers who have given their children up for adoption or sold them because they could not provide food and a home for them.
19. Mothers living in extreme poverty who try to care for their children. Of the world's population under the age of 25, one in four (238 million) live in extreme poverty. More than 15 million children have lost one or both parents to AIDS (UNICEF).
20. Mothers who do not read to hear of God's love for them and receive information that will help them to care for their children. Pray for listeners of the WoH program to become a part of God's family. "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother" (Matthew 12:50).
21. Women to discover hope in Christ instead of turning to alcohol. Women are drinking alcohol at an increasing rate, which results in severe liver damage, an increased risk of strokes and many lasting emotional effects on their children and other loved ones.
22. God's provision and grace for women who have not yet been able to conceive a child. "I have been praying here