

Khmer, Korean, Kyrgyz, Lengua, Low German, Macedo-Rumanian, Makhuwa, Malayalam, Mandarin, Nepali, Nivacle, Oriya, Oromo, Papiamentu, Punjabi, Quichua, Romanian, Russian, Sgaw Karen, Spanish, Tagalog, Tajik, Tamil, Tanzanian Swahili, Thai, Turkmen, Ukrainian, Umbundu, Uzbek and Vietnamese.

25. Christian women whose husbands have been imprisoned or killed because of their faith in Jesus Christ. These women are left to care for their children but many times are denied jobs or housing. "In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears" (Psalm 18:6).

26. Afghan widows and their children to find safety and employment. Pray that their daughters will not be sold as brides to older men. Uplift the leaders who can protect women and allow Christians to live in peace in warring countries. "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? ... Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident" (Psalm 27:1, 3).

27. Widows in countries that do not allow women to own property. When their husbands die, these widows lose their home and belongings. Many times even their children become the property of the husband's family.

28. Widows in war-torn countries. Aid agencies estimate that around 50,000 widows live in Kabul alone, many of them destitute (USAID).

29. Those attending PH's first Americas Region Forum August 30–September 3 in Brazil.

30. Leaders and officials. "Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless" (Isaiah 10:1-2).

31. Widows and orphans lost in despair to know that God their Creator values them, giving them hope to strive with confidence to build a better life and future.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world" (James 1:27).

Pai Chan is a 46-year-old widow who struggles to provide for her five children. She is encouraged by the friends in her Project Hannah prayer group. She says, "I love to use the prayer calendar. Now I know that more women are suffering and they need our prayers. I will pray for them."

Srey Neang is a 67-year-old Khmer *Women of Hope* listener who has six children. When she became a Christian, her husband left her. She works hard to support her family, even when she is sick.

Srey Pouv is a widow with two children. She contracted the AIDS virus from her husband. Like many widows, she does not have enough food to eat or money for her medication. She asks, "Please pray for us because we really need the true hope and salvation that the Lord gives. We haven't been able to listen to the *Women of Hope* program yet because we do not have radios in our village."

Lydia, another widow, has been influential in her village despite her age. She encourages women to listen to women's radio programs and also to come together for prayer. After she listened to the Swahili *Women of Hope* program, Lydia said, "I have been blessed through these women's programs and I want to start a prayer group in my home." Lydia asked the group to pray for her two granddaughters. One had five miscarriages, and the other one had disappeared from home for three years. They all believed and prayed with Lydia, and God answered their prayers. Lydia's one granddaughter gave birth to a baby boy, and the other granddaughter came home.

Women of Hope broadcasts in over 50 languages. Monthly prayer calendars are used in more than 40 languages. (www.projecthannah.org)

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Praying for
Widows,
Abandoned Wives
and Orphans



Eunice, Lydia, Agnes and
Lydia's Family
(Eunice and Agnes, Project Hannah Kenya)

Please pray for...

1. Project Hannah's (PH) *Women of Hope* (WoH) radio programs to continue to encourage, instruct and advise women around the world, helping them to make wise choices and understand that they are precious to God.
2. Widows who feel emptiness in the loss of their husbands, and who carry the extra burdens of caring for their home and children.
3. Millions of orphans who need love, protection, education and eternal life through Jesus Christ. The evils of wars, AIDS and poverty destroy the lives of innocent children.
4. India's 40 million widows, many who suffer under cultural practices that leave them rejected, abused and destitute.
5. Mothers who are divorced, abandoned or widowed and carry the heavy burden of providing a home for their children. Our awesome God "defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow" (Deuteronomy 10:18).
6. Widows and abandoned wives to not have to beg or enter prostitution to provide for their families. "Seek justice, encourage the oppressed, defend the cause of the fatherless, and plead the case of the widow" (Isaiah 1:17).
7. Ministries that offer homes, love and God's teachings to orphans, street-children and single mothers who have been abandoned by their families and communities.
8. Those who translate the monthly prayer calendars into over 40 languages and distribute them to thousands of intercessors in hundreds of churches around the world. Many of them are volunteers giving their time and energy to provide this simple but vital tool of prayer.
9. Single and widowed Christian women who strongly desire to be married and consider marrying a non-Christian man. Pray that they will wait on the Lord, trusting Him to reveal His purposes to them. Pray that church leaders will value single people and their place in

the work done for the Kingdom of God.

10. Widows who have AIDS and no one to care for them. Pray that Christians will reach out to them and that they would experience the love of Jesus who will never leave them nor forsake them.
11. Widows in communities in Kenya where a widow is inherited by a male family member of the dead husband. Many widows are trapped in these customs that endanger their lives.
12. Grandmothers, with few resources, who are left to care for their grandchildren because AIDS has killed all other family members.
13. Single women who feel "left out" at meal times, holidays or at church. Pray that Christian families will include singles (never married, divorced, widowed or abandoned) in their activities.
14. Women who feel abandoned and forgotten to know that through Christ's death they can be reconciled to God and He will "present them holy and without blemish" (Colossians 1:22).
15. Women whose husbands and sons were killed in wars, and whose daughters were kidnapped by soldiers.
16. The millions of abandoned children who live on the streets and are uneducated, defenseless victims of brutal violence, sexual exploitation, neglect and chemical addiction.
17. Orphans to have the opportunity to hear that their Creator wants to be their Heavenly Father and desires to adopt them into His forever family (Ephesians 1:4-5).
18. The 6,000 children a day who have a parent die because of an AIDS-related disease. More than 15 million children have lost at least one parent to AIDS-related disease (UNICEF). Pray that governments and churches will provide safe homes, food and free education for these children.

19. Single mothers who are forced to leave their children with relatives or others so they can work in the cities or abroad to support their families.

20. Young girls who were forced to marry much older men and were then abandoned when their small bodies were damaged as they struggled for days to give birth. Their babies are usually stillborn, and they suffer from the pain, smell and shame of an obstetric fistula or a hole through to their bladder or bowel. Pray for the few doctors who perform reconstructive surgery on thousands of the estimated two million women who suffer with fistulas (UNFPA).

21. Saveoun, a handicapped Cambodian woman with two children who was abandoned by her husband. Pray for PH's Cambodian team as they visit widows and encourage them to receive Christ and to listen to the WoH Khmer program. Pray also for resources for a widow's ministry providing love, training and assistance to these widows and orphans.

22. Mothers of young children to receive the health information they need to better care for their families. More than four million children die every year before they are one month old. Two million more die before they are age five from preventable diseases that include malaria, measles, pneumonia, diarrhea and AIDS.

23. The estimated 246 million children between 5 and 17 who are child laborers according to International Labour Organization (ILO). "Of these, nearly 70 percent or 171 million children were working in hazardous situations... 73 million of them are less than 10 years old" (UNICEF).

24. PH's WoH radio program's production teams: African French, Albanian, Amharic, Angolan Portuguese, Bambara, Bengali, Berber-Kabyle, Brazilian Portuguese, Bulgarian, Burmese, Cebuano, Central Asian Russian, Creole, Danish, English, European Portuguese, Finnish, Guarani, Gujarati, Hindi, Ilocano, India-English, Indonesian and Javanese, Kazakh, Kenyan Swahili,