

21. Church leaders to treat women with dignity and respect as sisters in Christ and as fellow workers in God's kingdom.
22. Women in Russia and Ukraine suffering from cancer. Because of poor healthcare, cancer is usually detected in the advanced stages.
23. Christian women to find creative ways to reach friends, neighbors and colleagues with the love of God and the good news of His salvation.
24. The three PH prayer groups in Russia and individuals who pray on their own for the needs of Russian women and also women of the whole world. Pray for opportunities to invite other women to start prayer and listeners groups where women can learn together and share each other's burdens.
25. God to rescue those who have fallen into the grasp of the occult to find truth and hope in Christ. Because of poverty and moral decline, many in despair or who cannot afford doctors seek magicians, sorcerers and fortune tellers for answers to their depression, fears and problems.
26. Christians to reach out to mothers who are caring for invalid parents or children by offering to sit with them so the mothers can get out of the home to visit the doctor, shop or do other chores. Pray that churches would make their building accessible to wheelchairs so these families can participate in corporate worship.
27. Healing of broken marriages and families, which otherwise cause many abandoned women and children to fall into poverty.
28. A Belarus prayer group of around 20 women who gather every Monday and also take the prayer requests home to pray for the needs. Pray also for WoH listeners in Moldova as they strive to live for Christ.

Women in Russia and Ukraine have witnessed the devastating effects of poverty and social decline on families. The absence of a loving God and moral values has left a dark void in their lives. Sadly, domestic violence, divorce and unemployment have become the norm in many homes, leading people to turn to alcohol and drugs to free themselves from their pain and despair.

Many Russian and Ukrainian women leave their country to escape abuse and hardships in their homes, or in search of jobs, only to be abused and forced into prostitution. Children often are abandoned or left in the care of others who provide little to no supervision or love.

Women in Russia and Ukraine have equal rights with men, yet very often they shoulder all the family financial responsibilities, including raising the children and doing the housework. Most girls receive a high school education, and many attend college. In big cities, they often enjoy their freedom, find a job, receive financial independence and then begin their family. Many couples do not get married, even when children are involved. About 90 % of all marriages in Russia end in divorce, and every second child is raised by a step-parent.

The fear of loneliness causes many Russian women to accept disrespect, infidelity, drunkenness and abuse from their fiancées or husbands. Habitual drunkenness among men and women is common. Women in Russia live about 72 years, whereas men only 59 years. As a result, most women spend their later years alone. Russian women fear losing their health because the whole family depends on them. They desire medical information about common illnesses, preventive measures and basic principles for a healthy way of life.

Please join us in praying for Project Hannah staff in Russia and Ukraine as they passionately desire to help women understand how much they are loved and valued by their Creator.



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Please pray for...

1. Women in Russia and Ukraine to discover new life in Christ and to experience the many blessings God offers His daughters.
2. Russian and Ukrainian women as they strive to overcome the devastation of their social and economic problems and find support from local churches. Pray that those living in hopelessness will hear of God's love for them and accept His gift of salvation.
3. Project Hannah's (PH) Russian (Luba, Maria and Natalia) and Ukrainian (Larysa, Lena and Inna) *Women of Hope* (WoH) teams as they provide encouragement, strong teaching and moral principles to women who then teach their children what it means to have true joy regardless of the circumstances. Pray also for Susanna as she translates the prayer calendar into Russian for intercessors in Belarus, Central Asia, Maldoval, Russia and Ukraine.
4. Mothers, whose teenagers and adult children have turned to alcohol and drugs, to trust God to bring hope and joy to their family. Pray that the children will see the joy of the Lord in the lives of their mothers and accept this gift as well.
5. Strong leaders to support families with education, jobs, finances and laws that will encourage Russians and Ukrainians to work hard to keep families together and allow children to feel safe and secure with both parents in the home.
6. Russian and Ukrainian women and men to question the false teachings they have received about family, God and relationships so they can experience true love and respect for each other as they work together to build strong families that honor God.

7. Women in Russia to realize that their unborn babies are not a mass of tissue to be discarded and that abortion can cause women to have many physical and emotional problems in the future. Russian women have 2.7 million abortions a year, the highest number of abortions per woman of child-bearing age in the world, according to UN data.
8. The Russian and Ukrainian women (including Christians) who are facing difficult situations in their marriages. Pray for husbands to prioritize their family relationships and to embrace the joy of guiding them in their lives.
9. Christian women, who are broken and lonely after their husbands divorced them, to find their security and purpose in Jesus.
10. Women whose husbands have committed adultery to not use alcohol and drugs to numb their pain, but instead look to Jesus.
11. Women who don't understand our Heavenly Father's love because of very little or no contact with their own fathers. Pray that they would hear of God's love and know that they can trust Him. "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God" (1 John 3:1)!
12. Good and broader reception in Russia for the TARTU AM radio station so that more people will be able to hear God's truths.
13. WoH listeners to find hope in Christ. A listener wrote, "This program IS hope and blessing for all that listen to it. I am listening to it and am immensely thankful for all the advice you give. You find a key to every woman, to every heart and uphold us by your kindness."
14. Single women would fall in love with Jesus and

know true intimacy with Him as they spend time with Him and receive all He has for them.

15. Prayer groups in Russia, Moldova, Belarus and Ukraine. One intercessor wrote, "I received the prayer calendar and thank you for it. I know that I am not alone and can serve the Lord through my prayers for those who serve God with a sincere heart and undivided faith."
 16. The WoH Ukrainian program that has been on the air since November 2002. The 30-minute program is aired once a week over a medium wave transmitter.
 17. God's protection over the children of our PH's staff as these mothers balance their many responsibilities at home and in ministry.
 18. Immigrants in Ukraine (14.7 % of the total population, or 6.9 million people) and Ukrainians living abroad. Canada has the world's third-largest Ukrainian population (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ukraine>).
 19. Women suffering from the devastation of HIV/AIDS. Ukraine has one of the highest rates of increase of HIV/AIDS cases in Eastern Europe.
 20. Mothers who have been abandoned and are working hard to provide food, clothing and housing for their children.
- Pray that churches will welcome them and offer childcare to help them accomplish their many responsibilities.

