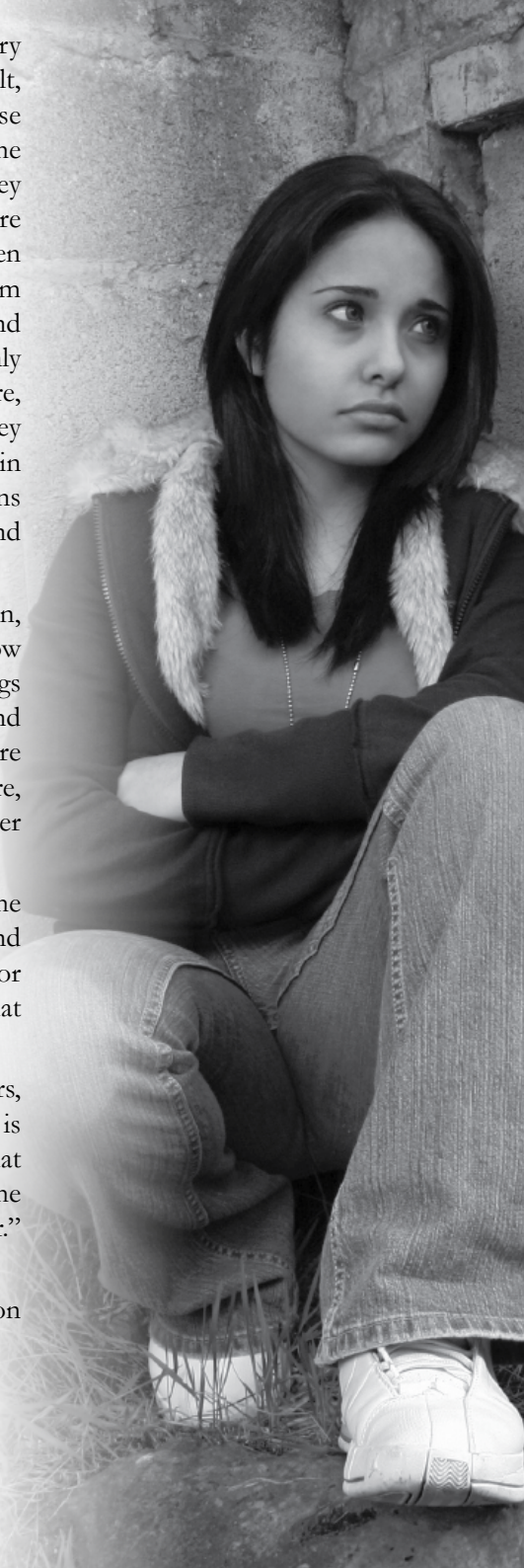


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*Praying for*  
WOMEN HURT BY ABORTION

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With over 40 million abortions worldwide every year, millions of women are facing the hurt, guilt, rejection, anger and desperation that follows. Many of these women chose to abort because they believed the lie that the baby was only a mass of tissue or they thought that they had no other choice. While abortion advocates say they are for a woman's freedom to choose, in reality many women facing an unplanned pregnancy feel they have no freedom and no choice. They feel trapped, abandoned, desperate and afraid. They are led to believe that abortion is their only option. Because it is legal and supported by their culture, many women and girls believe it's the right thing to do. They think it won't hurt anyone, but abortion hurts women in many ways. It hurts families and communities when millions of girl babies are never born to become sisters, wives and mothers.

Scientific studies in Australia, China, Finland, Iran, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Turkey and other countries show that abortions do hurt women. Abortion-inducing drugs cause complications that require emergency treatment and sometimes they even cause death. Induced abortions are associated with increased risk of breast cancer. Furthermore, many women suffer deep mental and spiritual pain after their abortion.

Pray with us that mothers will no longer believe the lies and myths and that they will protect themselves and their unborn children. Pray also for those who speak up for babies who cannot speak for themselves and demand that the unborn be protected.

“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.”  
Psalm 8:3-5

Sources: [afterabortion.org](http://afterabortion.org), [LifeNews.com](http://LifeNews.com), [Operation Outcry](http://OperationOutcry.org), [Obstet Gynecol](http://ObstetGynecol.org), [mdviews](http://mdviews.org)



*Women of Hope* broadcasts in over 55 languages. Monthly prayer guides are used in more than 40 languages.  
([www.projecthannah.org](http://www.projecthannah.org))

23. Existing laws against the evil practices of selective female abortion, infanticide and planned starvation of girl babies worldwide to be enforced. Currently, 61 percent of the world's people live in countries where abortion is permitted with few restrictions ([http://reproductiverights.org/sites/crr.civicactions.net/files/documents/pub\\_fac\\_abortionlaws2009\\_WEB.pdf](http://reproductiverights.org/sites/crr.civicactions.net/files/documents/pub_fac_abortionlaws2009_WEB.pdf)).
24. Our hearts and minds to be enlightened about the issues affecting women worldwide, so that we can continue to faithfully and wisely intercede on their behalf according to the will of God.
25. Our God to touch the hearts of mothers around the world with his compassionate and merciful love, so they would learn to value, protect, educate and care for their children, whatever their circumstances.
26. The safety of pregnant women who are in danger of domestic violence, many times leading to death. Pray that family, friends and neighbors will speak up when they suspect abuse and that they will protect those who want help.
27. Women and teenagers who are considering suicide after they have had an abortion to find a friend who will show them God's love and care. Many women and teenagers were forced to get their abortion, and now they are dealing with the emotional pain that is many times unbearable.
28. Those who have been affected by the tragedy of abortion or infanticide to experience the mercy, forgiveness and comfort of God through the love, compassion and kindness demonstrated by his people.
29. Wisdom and encouragement for PH's workers who not only translate the WoH programs and prayer calendars, but also hold health seminars, teach women's leadership training, distribute donated radios, lead prayer groups and Bible studies, pray for listeners and answer their letters.
30. The provision of better health care to reduce the 515,000 annual deaths from preventable childbirth-related causes. The United Nations reports that 47 percent of developing-country births are not attended by skilled persons.
31. Give thanks for God's moving in the hearts of many who are exposing the evils of abortion, domestic violence, sex trafficking, rape, poverty and other abuses women and girls face.

*Please pray for...*

1. Mothers to choose life for their unborn children instead of abortion. Of the 190 million pregnancies around the world each year, nearly 50 million end in abortion (UNFPA).
2. Women who have had abortions to come to know God's restoration and redemption through his Son, Jesus Christ, who alone brings wholeness out of brokenness, renews us in his image, reconciles us to him and gives us his peace.
3. Parents and community, church and school officials to teach abstinence programs so that children will know that postponing sexual relationships can better their lives and allow them to be healthier and happier adults.
4. Women who are considering having an abortion to know the truth about what is truly in their best interest. Not only does abortion kill babies, but some women who have had abortions develop a wide range of mental disorders and have a higher death rate from suicide, accidents and homicides. Many maternal deaths associated with abortions are not identifiable from death certificates and therefore are under-reported.
5. Wisdom for Project Hannah (PH) staff to provide effective follow-up to *Women of Hope* (WoH) listeners who have difficult and pressing needs. Praise the Lord, with the addition of Tanzania Swahili, WoH is now available in 58 languages.
6. The mothers of the over 13 million babies that could be aborted in China this year and the Russian mothers who may abort two million babies (Russia has the highest rate of abortions worldwide at 53.7 per 1,000 births). Pray that governments would provide options for women so that they can provide for themselves and their babies or safely place them up for adoption. (nytimes.com, UN, WHO)
7. Physical and spiritual protection for Christians in closed countries who are determined to continue serving where God has placed them, despite the extremely hazardous conditions. Some of our producers daily face the danger of losing their families, possessions and even lives for the sake of the gospel. Please continue to pray for one of PH's coordinators in Albania (Elona) and her two children after the murder of her husband.
8. Better healthcare for the thousands of women who are in danger of dying during pregnancy, childbirth or soon after

giving birth. Pray that women would become better aware of how to care for themselves and their unborn babies and that governments would fight the corruption that prevents better medical care.

9. Unborn children whose mothers are considering abortion. "My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be" (Psalm 139:15-16).
10. Our God to bring glory to himself through the WoH broadcasts by the proclamation of his Word, which offers forgiveness and healing to women living with profound guilt and remorse after choosing to abort their unborn children.
11. Women who are pregnant as a result of rape to find physical and emotional healing in Christ Jesus' love and compassion through the care and support of his followers. Pray for PH counselors as they minister to women who have had traumatic experiences. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).
12. Those who courageously and publicly defend the rights of unborn children around the world. On September 18 in Berlin, Germany, people arrived from Belgium, the Netherlands and the US for the March for Life. Pro-abortion protesters started to mix into their group and began screaming vulgarities. (lifeneews.com, demotix.com/news)
13. Praise the Lord for the 40 Days for Life campaign (September 22 to October 31). The initiative took place in several countries, and over 500 babies' lives were saved when their mothers decided not to abort them.
14. God, who is able to change hearts and direct the course of nations, to turn the tide and empower national leaders to act on behalf of the preservation of marriages and families.
15. Mothers who are in danger of birth-related injuries like fistulas that leave them incontinent and in pain, causing many to be abandoned by their husbands or confined to their homes because they cannot afford the needed surgery to repair the damage. Pray for those who could get the surgery

for free but can't pay for private transportation (since they are not allowed on public transportation because of their odor).

16. Our Heavenly Father to teach us to "seek justice, encourage the oppressed, defend the cause of the fatherless, and plead the case of the widow" (Isaiah 1:17).
17. Women who have aborted their babies and have experienced the guilt, anger and shame. Pray that they will seek his forgiveness and healing. Pray for those who speak out to warn others of the haunting consequences to their choices: <http://silentnomoreawareness.org/>.
18. Millions of women who are forced by family, boyfriends, governments and pimps to abort their babies. October 10 marks the day when one mother's, father's, and sister's joy turned into a horrible experience when the mother was taken by force to a hospital by family planning officials in China and her eight-month unborn child was injected with a drug that took the baby's life.
19. God's Spirit to move in power to protect the nearly 50 million unborn children worldwide who could be aborted this year. "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute" (Proverbs 31:8).
20. That governments would train doctors and midwives on how to prevent fistulas, also providing well-equipped health centers throughout their country so women can reach the clinic before the baby arrives. In Ethiopia, 94 percent of women give birth without the help of a properly trained health worker, and many of their women have small-framed bodies making delivery more difficult (BBCNews.com).
21. Young women and girls to learn that they are precious and deserve to be treated with respect and to strive for a better future. Pray for parents to encourage their daughters to get an education, learn skills and not make wrong choices that will hinder them from reaching their goals so they can give their children a better life also.
22. The hundreds of thousands participating in the Walk for Life on January 22 (<http://www.walkforlifewc.com/>) and the March for Life (<http://www.marchforlife.org/>) on January 24 in Washington D.C. and other events in many large cities in the U.S. as they speak up for unborn children, for "those who cannot speak for themselves".