

aborted than were born each year. Pray for these women to know God's forgiveness, peace and love through Jesus Christ. <http://www.johnstonsarchive.net/policy/abortion/romania/ab-romaniac.html>

23. Finances so that production of PH's WoH Croatia can begin. Around 50 congregations in Croatia have been praying for this project for almost two years (www.twr-hrvatska.org).

24. The Holy Spirit to work through Christians as they tell friends, neighbors and colleagues about the love of God and the good news of his salvation through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." (Matthew 28:6).

25. Wisdom and strength for Lidija and Davor as they translated PH's monthly prayer calendar into Croatian. Pray for opportunities to start prayer groups in more denominations and for more helpers in distributing the prayer requests. "We have heard of the love you have for all the saints, the faith and love that springs from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven..." (Colossians 1:4).

26. The Government of Croatia as they work to eliminate trafficking that moves through their country. They have increased punishment of convicted trafficking offenders, generously fund NGOs providing assistance and shelter to trafficking victims, continue their comprehensive and proactive training efforts, and have initiated new trafficking prevention and awareness raising projects (<http://gvnet.com/humantrafficking/Croatia-2.htm>).

27. Slovak marriages and family life that are undervalued, and an entire generation is suffering as a result. In Slovakia, a heritage of atheism is tearing apart the traditional family foundation. Pray that the Slovak WoH program can once again be produced and aired.

28. Women in Turkey who face cultural practices that hinder them from knowing Christ and his gift of salvation. Pray that governments will to more to protect women and girls from honor killings and female genital cutting.

29. The logistics to come together so that a Turkish WoH program can be produced in a format that will speak to the hearts of women in this culture.

30. Those who use domestic violence to establish power and control over another person through abusive, intimidating and threatening behavior. Pray that they would be changed through God's power and love.

Project Hannah staff in Southeastern Europe (Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania) have witnessed the devastating effects of poverty and social decline on families. Domestic violence, divorce and unemployment are the norm in many homes, leading people to turn to alcohol, drugs and the occult to free themselves from their pain and despair. These conditions also force many women from this region to become victims of sexual trafficking. These 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.

In former Communist Southeastern Europe, the Orthodox and Catholic churches far outnumber the Evangelical Christian ministries. In some of these countries, other world religions dominate the culture. Evangelical churches struggle to provide sound doctrine, moral standards and an authentic relationship with Christ that makes an impact in the daily lives of those trying to make sense of the false teachings they have received in the past.

Abortion was encouraged under communism as normal birth control. Some women who had abortions in the 1980s-90s still suffer from the emotional pain and health issues from multiple abortions. In Romania in the early 1990s, over half of pregnancies ended in abortion.

Please join us in praying for Project Hannah staff in Southeastern Europe, as they passionately desire to help women understand how much they are loved and valued by their Creator. Pray that these women will see that God desires for them and their children to live with dignity, respect and purpose through Jesus Christ.



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Please pray for...

1. Women in Southeastern Europe to discover new life in Christ and to experience the many blessings God offers his daughters.
2. Church leaders to address domestic violence issues in their churches and communities. Pray also that Christians would bravely speak up concerning the role media and the educational system can have in raising awareness on issues related to combating domestic violence.
3. Project Hannah's (PH) *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 even in bad circumstances. "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ" (Colossians 2:8).
4. Strength and wisdom for Dawn Siemens, PH's Regional Coordinator for Europe, as she oversees PH's growing ministry in Europe, Central Asia, Middle East and North Africa.
5. Women in Southeastern Europe 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. Pray that they would have access to studies related to the harm abortion causes women so that they can make informed choices.
6. PH's WoH Albanian team (Enkelejda, Enkelelda H. and Arta) as they provide encouragement and prayer for many isolated Christians scattered throughout the country, many of whom face abuse from family members who do not agree with their beliefs. Pray for PH's prayer program producer, Nexhmije, and her husband as they pastor one of the largest churches in Albania.
7. The leaders of the women's prayer groups in Albania: Nexhi, Liljana, Henriketa, Agi, Evi, Teuta, Habibe, Migena, Pranvera, Sonja, Rakela, Vita, Albana, Nexhi, Gjystina, Alma, Arjana, Lubica, Mirela, Alketa, Elona, Rudina, Marjana, Liri, Entela, Lirie, Erna, Tana, Arta, Ruth, Ester, Lindita, Marie, Vera, Jonila, Kati, Daniela, Pavlina, Mariela, Rujka, Entela, Erjola and Dinore.
8. Domestic violence and crime in Albanian families to stop, and that love and harmony would reign in these families. Pray also for protection for victims of domestic violence who have reported the violence. Pray that women receiving healing and

practical help from churches would also accept spiritual guidance and God's gift of salvation.

9. Praise the Lord that 135 Albanian Evangelical Alliance churches were given legal recognition. Pray that they will be faithful to God's purposes and allowed to offer his love to all Albanians. Pray that God will touch and soften the hearts of Albania's leaders, so that they may serve their people and communities leading them into a better future.
10. Naze, Rudina and Nardi, producers of WoH Macedo-Romani that is aired in Albania. Many listeners are illiterate. Pray for the Roma churches in Durres, Tirana, Elbasan, Fier, Berat, Fushe-Kruje and Shkoder. Pray also for Kelment, Fiona, Gjergji and Ester as they follow up with listeners of this program.
11. All supporters of PH in Albania, that they will be blessed and filled with God's joy and peace. "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God" (2 Corinthians 9:12).
12. Families affected by blood feuds in Albania and that government officials will work hard to put an end to this cultural practice. Pray for women who have lost their husbands and now live in fear for the lives of their sons.
13. Praise the Lord for the financial support received so that the WoH Bulgarian program can remain on the air and production can begin again. Pray for the selection of a production team and for the training and strategizing that needs to take place. Pray for Rossi as she translates the prayer calendar and Grace as she oversees the prayer movement in Bulgaria.
14. Divided Bulgarian families. Economic struggles force many to leave the country and work as foreign laborers in Greece, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Portugal, Germany and England, leaving their children with grandparents or others. Pray that Christians in these countries will offer them friendship and tell them the good news of salvation and hope.
15. Young Bulgarian women and girls looking for work who are deceived and forced into prostitution. Pray that someone will reach them with the compassion and love of Christ, and that they can go back to their country and families. Bulgaria is ranked third in Europe for sexual trafficking (after Ukraine and Romania).

16. Church leaders to be aware of the dangers of trafficking so they can warn families and bring healing to the victims of sexual trafficking. Pray that the Bulgarian government will take legal steps against those involved in human trafficking.

17. Bulgarian families torn apart by divorce. More and more young people live together and over 50 percent of new births are out of wedlock. Pray for the many lonely women, who as single mothers are fighting to support and raise their children.

18. The average Bulgarian woman, whose circumstances and future seem hopeless as she struggles to adapt to the changing society. Pray that the love of God and the message of the Bible will touch her heart and give her hope and meaning in life. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

19. PH's Romanian WoH producers and prayer ministry team (Cami, Alina, Ilena, Ligia, Ioana and Irma) as they reach out to women in need of Christ's love. One listener writes, "I thank God that you exist and for this program. I listen with great interest on Thursdays and Saturdays on SOS Ploiesti FM station. Thank you for the special thoughts and also for the wise advice. This program is wonderful for me, like a balm for my hurt soul. I'd like it if the program lasted longer. I've found in you some good friends. I am getting through a hard time because my husband left me for another woman, and I have a eight-month-old little girl to raise. Please write me from time to time because I feel that everyone deserted me. God bless you."

20. Give thanks for ministries like Compassion and Care Christian Foundation located in Ploiesti, who offer counseling and CDs of the Romanian WoH program to abused women who come to their clinic. The Rock of Ages Christian Foundation provide our programs in two women prisons: Targor and Poarta Alba. Pray that they would put the program on the internal station of the prison.

21. Women who are forced by poverty to remain with their abusive husbands because they can't afford housing and other needs for their children. Pray for an attitude change in the Romanian society, which see domestic violence as normal and very seldom reported as a crime.

22. Romanian women who are struggling with guilt and shame after their abortions. Romanian women had 11 million abortions in the last 10 years. In the early 90s more babies were