

24. God to provide PH's financial needs so that WoH can continue to be produced in over 55 languages, radios can be purchased, listeners and prayer groups can be contacted and encouraged, the poor can be trained and WoH programs can be produced in new languages.

25. An end to abortions that kill over 40 million babies a year and harm women physically and emotionally. Sex-selection abortions have caused a shortage of millions of women in China and India and increased the number of girls sold as "brides" or into prostitution to meet the needs of men.

26. More women and girls to take steps to control their lives and abstain from early sexual activity. HIV is the leading cause of death and disease among women of reproductive age worldwide (UN).

27. Courageous women who work hard to provide clean water for their families and communities in order to prevent disease and death, thereby encouraging healthy living that glorifies God.

28. Mothers in the Ethiopian Omo River region who are forced to kill their newborn babies because of superstitious beliefs that label them as cursed. Pray for Christians who run orphanages and provide safe homes for these babies.

29. Wives who have no control over their husband's relationships with girlfriends, prostitutes, mistresses and multiple wives. Besides the loss of dignity and overwhelming loneliness, they also fear getting sexually transmitted diseases or being abandoned. Many do not have an education or employment, and consequently cannot provide for their children.

30. Women and girls who are in danger of acid attacks because they dare to attend school or because a family member wants to get rid of them.

31. Women to experience God's love and grace in Angola, Brazil, Cambodia, Indonesia, Nepal, Sweden and other countries where they receive skill training, Bible teaching, literature classes, counseling and medical help from PH workers.

There is enormous power through prayer. Through prayer we participate with the God of the universe as he does what only he can do in the lives of individuals, communities and world events. As we spend time with our Heavenly Father, we begin to understand his will and ways, and our worldview, values and attitudes change.

The horrible evils done to women are difficult to comprehend. There are more slaves today than ever before, most of them girls and women used for sex. Women and girls around the globe endure brutal hardships: child marriages, domestic violence, dowry disputes, female circumcisions, fistulas, forced abortions, poverty, rapes, sex slavery and many customs that humiliate and destroy them. They need us to cry out to our God on their behalf.

**"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." Proverbs 31:8-9**

**"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2**

Every month, thousands of Project Hannah intercessors in over 100 countries pray the same requests in over 50 languages, uniting together for women who need to know God's love and care. Women and men in churches, homes, prisons, villages and cities in Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe pray for each other and for those who do not know how to pray.

Every year Project Hannah has a rotational 40-day season of prayer and fasting October 1-November 9. Please consider joining us and then let us know by emailing: [hannah@twr.org](mailto:hannah@twr.org) or signing up on our website: <http://www.projecthannah.org/prayer/40days.html>.

*Women of Hope* broadcasts in over 55 languages. PH's monthly prayer requests are used in over 50 languages. ([www.projecthannah.org](http://www.projecthannah.org))



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*Praying for*  
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*Please pray for ...*

1. Women and girls to know their identity in Christ and their value to their family and society. Pray that fathers, husbands and brothers would treat women and girls with respect and dignity.
2. Thousands of women in hundreds of Project Hannah (PH) prayer groups in Africa, the Americas, Asia, the Caribbean and Europe who are praying together through the monthly prayer requests in over 50 languages. Pray that they would continue to encourage one another and not let anything hinder their vital work of prayer.
3. God's protection, guidance and blessing on PH workers around the world who face many challenges as they reach out to women who are in need of friendship and God's love. \*Please pray for PH's staff using the list on the back of Marli's letter or on our website: [www.projecthannah.org/prayer/focus.html](http://www.projecthannah.org/prayer/focus.html).
4. Those who are working to rescue children who are used as prostitutes (10 million worldwide) and are forced to service 10-30 men a day. Pray that these children would have a safe place to heal, live and learn about God.
5. Women who are considering ending their pregnancy through abortion. Many are forced by family members or community officials, and others choose to abort their babies because they have been taught that their baby is just a mass of tissue.
6. *Women of Hope* (WoH) programs in over 55 languages to continue to encourage women who have lost hope; to strengthen women who feel weak; to lift up the fallen; to challenge the healthy to help those who need assistance; to inspire all the listeners to walk closely with the Lord; and to remind the isolated believer that she is not alone.
7. Women and girls living in cultures where so-called honor killings are allowed to happen with little or no punishment for the murders.

8. Women who live in cultures that allow women to be imprisoned or stoned for adultery, even when the woman is raped or merely speaks to a man who is not a family member.
9. Parents to encourage their sons to treat girls and women with respect and dignity and that teachers and the media will instruct men and boys on the proper way to treat others in public. Many women and girls feel unsafe on public buses, subways and in the workplace. Even police do nothing when complaints are made.
10. Those who are working to expose the slavery in our world today (27 million slaves worldwide). Pray that leaders would do more to punish those who use humans for labor and sexual purposes.
11. Young girls who are forced into early marriages by family members and cultural practices. These young brides usually must leave school, are exposed to violence, diseases and exploitation, and even lose their lives from pregnancy, childbirth and other complications.
12. Women who endure grueling work for long hours for meager wages. Pray also for women who walk long distances daily to gather firewood and water, and also tend the crops, care for the children and labor hard to prepare the family meals.
13. Those who experience domestic violence in their homes where violent words, controlling behavior or physical and sexual abuse by a family member or caregiver or friend of the family cause them to live in fear and humiliation.
14. Women who are isolated by their families and culture and are not allowed to make choices about their future. Some are not even allowed to speak to anyone other than their husbands.
15. Africa's young people to continue to change their behavior in response to the HIV/AIDS prevention campaigns. UNAIDS reports the incidence of HIV has

- decreased by up to 25 percent as young people between 15 and 24 years of age change their sexual behavior.
16. Opportunities for women who do not read to hear about God's love and salvation. Pray for the world's nearly one billion illiterate adults; two-thirds are women.
  17. Widows, abandoned wives and orphans who are struggling to survive. "Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked" (Psalm 82:3-4).
  18. Organizations like Bridgeway and International Justice Mission that courageously work with world leaders to secure justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression. Pray that God would stop Joseph Kony, the evil leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, known for unspeakable horrors including forcing children to kill their parents, and become soldiers and sex slaves.
  19. Midwives to receive proper training to care for women giving birth. Pray that nurses and doctors would be willing to help women suffering from fistulas and other life threatening conditions.
  20. PH teams visiting and teaching women in prison in Angola, Albania, Cambodia, Nepal, Paraguay, Portugal, Thailand and other countries.
  21. Mothers to teach their children to love God, respect their neighbors and to cherish their family members. Pray for single mothers who are struggling to care for their children.
  22. Women who suffer the scars of female circumcision and fistulas, which hinder childbirth and could cause death for themselves or their babies.
  23. Women who are receiving God's Word through the radio programs while isolated in Central Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.