

ment of their babies and the dangers of medical and surgical abortions.

15 Fathers to love and cherish the mother of their children and to provide a home, food, clothing and other needs for their families. Pray that fathers who regret having participated in the decision to abort their children will find healing in Christ.

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 guilt, anger, and shame. Pray that they will seek the Lord’s forgiveness and healing. Pray for those who speak out to warn others of the haunting consequences of their choices (<http://silentnomoreawareness.org/>).

18 Millions of women who are forced by family, boy-friends, governments, and pimps to abort their babies. Pray for mothers in China who experience the horrible abuse of being taken by force to a hospital by family planning officials and having their unborn child injected with a drug that takes 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.

20 Governments to provide training for doctors and midwives in the prevention of fistulas and to provide well-equipped health centres throughout their countries so women can reach the clinic before their babies arrive. In Ethiopia, 94 percent of women give birth without the help of a properly trained health worker, and many of the 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.

22 Women and teenagers who are considering suicide after they have had abortions; they need friends who will show them God’s love and care. Many women and teenagers were forced to get abortions, and now they are dealing with the emotional pain.

23 Mothers who are in danger of birth-related injuries like fistulas that leave them incontinent and in

pain. Many are abandoned by their husbands or confined to their homes because they cannot afford the needed surgery to repair the damage.

24 Our hearts and minds to be enlightened about the issues affecting women worldwide so that we can continue to intercede faithfully and wisely on their behalf.

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 neighbours will speak up when they suspect abuse and that they will protect those who want help.

27 Parents to encourage their daughters to get an education, learn skills for employment, and make good choices that will not hinder them from reaching their goals and that will enable them to give their children better lives.

28 Better health care for women around the world who are in danger of dying during pregnancy or 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 officials would fight the corruption that frequently prevents better medical care.

29 Wisdom and encouragement for Project Hannah’s workers who not only translate the *Women of Hope* programme scripts and prayer calendars but also hold health seminars, teach skills for earning income, distribute donated radios, lead prayer groups and Bible studies, pray for listeners, and answer letters.

30 The provision of better health care to reduce the hundreds of thousands annual deaths from preventable childbirth-related causes. The United Nations reports that 47% of developing-country births are not attended by skilled persons.

Praying for

Women

hurt by
Abortion

Prayer Calendar
June 2014

Women of Hope broadcasts in more than 60 languages.
PH’s monthly prayer requests are used in 70 languages.

Many believe that a fetus is just a clump of cells and tissue. However, God sees the unborn child differently. *“Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.’”* (Jeremiah 1:4-5).

The baby’s tiny heart begins to beat 22 days after fertilisation. Five weeks from conception, the baby’s eyes and inner ears are starting to develop. The baby’s major organs (heart, lungs, liver, spleen, and kidneys) also are beginning to develop.

By the seventh week after fertilisation the baby’s brain waves can be measured. The main construction of the heart is complete. Through its thin skin, the baby’s veins are clearly visible. The ears and even the teeth are forming. Eight weeks after conception all the baby’s organs, muscles, and nerves begin to function. The hands and feet develop fingers and toes. Fingerprints are already evident in the skin.

By the ninth week of development the baby’s taste buds are starting to develop. The baby can swallow and stick out her tongue, and 20 little teeth are now forming. The whole body except the tongue is sensitive to touch. Cartilage is now calcifying to become bone. The brain is growing rapidly and producing more than 250,000 nerve cells a minute.

At 10 weeks the vocal chords are complete, and the baby can and does sometimes cry silently. The brain is fully formed, and the baby can also feel pain. The fetus may even suck his thumb. There is hair on the head, and the fingers and toes have developed soft nails.

The pregnancy may be unintended, mistimed, or unwanted. But regardless, the unborn baby is always precious and worthy of a chance to live.

Sources: afterabortion.org, LifeNews.com, Operation Outcry, Obstet Gynecol, mdviews.wordpress.com, International Herald Tribune, and baby2see.com/development/week12.html

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

1 Mothers to choose life for their unborn children instead of abortion. Pray that when a pregnancy is unintended or unwanted the mother would give up the baby for adoption so that someone who cannot have a child will be able to give the baby the love, protection, and care she/he needs.

2 The gift of life to be cherished as a work of God our Creator. *“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 made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honour”* (Psalm 8:3-5).

3 Parents and community, church, and school officials to teach abstinence so that children will know that postponing sexual relationships can better their lives and allow them to be healthier and happier adults.

4 Indian officials to do more to stop the horrible practice of parents killing their baby girls because they desire a son or do not want the financial burden that they feel a girl will be on the family. An estimated 50 million Indian girls have been victims of sex-selective abortions and female infanticide.

5 Wisdom for Project Hannah staff as they provide effective counselling to *Women of Hope* listeners who have difficult and pressing needs.

6 The mothers of the over 13 million babies that estimates indicate could be aborted in China this year. Pray that governments would provide options for women so that mothers can provide for themselves and their babies or safely place them up for adoption.

7 Officials in the United States to do more to protect women from abortion clinics that have health and safety violations as well as unsafe practices. Women have died as a result of abortionists improperly administering anaesthesia; puncturing the uterus; not removing all the tissue of the aborted baby; or using unsanitary equipment, causing

infections. Untreated blood clots or heavy bleeding also cause the deaths of women after abortions.

8 Pro-life groups and individuals to have the freedom to speak in public and at educational forums and to distribute information on fetal development, dangers of abortion, locations where mothers can receive free sonogrammes and counselling, and adoption alternatives.

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 More studies to be done to determine if women who have abortions have a higher rate of breast cancer (christianexaminer.com/Articles/Articles%20Nov07/Art_Nov07_23.html, worldmag.com/2013/12/more_evidence_in_the_abortion_breast_cancer_debate).

11 Women who are pregnant as a result of rape and need to find physical and emotional healing in Christ Jesus’ love and compassion through the care and support of his followers. *“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 Girls in Ethiopia who are being encouraged to have abortions. Pray for Christian women to show God’s love to girls in high schools and universities and to teach them to respect themselves and make plans for a healthy life instead of allowing men to use them.

13 Those who courageously and publicly defend the rights of unborn children around the world. Praise the Lord for the 40 Days for Life campaign (40daysforlife.com). The March 5 to April 13 initiative took place in 522 cities in 21 countries, and hundreds of 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 unborn babies and women who receive false information about the develop-