

## **A Prayer for Healthy Pregnancies and Healthy Babies**

### **Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 135:1-7, Psalm 127:3-5

### **Reflections of the Heart:**

Very few things bring as much excitement as a new baby. Every baby and child is a gift from God. Matter of fact, each child is a reward from the Lord - one of God's miracles of life. Pray for those in our Church Family who are expecting their miracle soon and for those whose miracle has arrived.

### **Scriptural Prayer:**

Gracious Father, we praise You. We, Your children who serve You praise You. Lord, You are good; we celebrate Your lovely Name with music. We know Your greatness, Lord; You are greater than any other god. You do whatever pleases You throughout all heaven and earth, and on the seas and in the depths. We sing praises to Your Name. Every day we proclaim the good news that You save! Father, we thank You for being the source of life. Thank You for every expectant mother in our congregation. Thank You for every child that has been born into our Church Family.

Omnipotent Father, our Creator, we declare that the children who are born into this Church Family are healthy and well loved. Lord, You knit them together in their mother's womb. We declare that each baby is wonderfully made. Your workmanship is marvelous! You made all of their delicate, inner parts. Today, we confess that every baby in utero has exactly 46 chromosomes and they will develop without defect or deformity. We declare that every cell, muscle, tissue and organ will develop according to Your divine purpose and plan. We decree that mothers will carry their babies to full term. We destroy every demonic assignment against our unborn, including the assignment of premature birth. In Jesus' Name, there will be no miscarriages or infertility in our congregation. We proclaim that sickness and disease, including SIDS, autism, Down Syndrome, ADD, ADHD, juvenile diabetes, cancer, dyslexia, and all other childhood diseases or dysfunctions, have no legal right to inhabit our children because God is their Shepherd and Shield. As a Church Family, we cry out for our children who have been diagnosed with a disease or disorder. In Jesus' Name, we command God's divine healing to manifest in their bodies, from the crowns of their heads to the soles of their feet, now! We decree that, by Jesus' stripes, they are healed. We proclaim that our children will grow and develop into mighty men and women of God. We confess that our children can learn and process information properly. They will do all things through Christ who strengthens them, including excel academically.

### ***Holy Spirit, help me to pray strategically for the following families who are expecting a child:***

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Holy Spirit, we ask You to increase Your wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in every expectant mother. Remind them to get the proper rest and nutrition. Lord, watch over each expectant mother and keep her body healthy. Provide a support network of family and friends who will help them during and after their pregnancies. Strengthen the minds, bodies and spirits of parents who have children with special needs. Comfort and encourage those parents who have experienced a miscarriage. For those couples who desire to have children but have been unable to conceive, we ask that You would help them to not be anxious, but to trust You that in the ordained time and season, they will bring forth a child for Your glory. Holy Spirit, show us, as a Church Family, how we can support and help our parents. Cause Your peace to be still in the minds, hearts, and spirits of those mothers who are fearful and anxious. Please provide financial miracles for families who are struggling financially. Father, there is nothing too difficult for You.

Holy Father, please forgive our parents and expectant parents for any acts of sinfulness. Forgive those who have committed fornication or adultery. Forgive parents for stubbornness, quick tempers and lack of patience. Forgive them for not seeking help when they are feeling anxious, depressed, fretful, angry or overwhelmed. Forgive us as a Church Family for not offering more support to our parents. Forgive us for the times when we have been insensitive to those families who have children with special needs. Father, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed.)*** Holy Spirit, remind us of those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that***

*you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)*

Holy Spirit, help our parents not to yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Eternal God, You are greater than we can understand. Your years cannot be counted. You draw up the water vapor and distill it into rain. Only You know where light comes from and where darkness goes. You direct the movement of the stars, binding the cluster of the Pleiades and loosening the cords of Orion. Holy and triumphant is Your Name! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** Psalm 135:1-2,5-6, Psalm 139:13-14, Matthew 11:23, Mark 11:23, Job 22:28, Philippians 4:13, Psalm 34:17, Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 6:13, Job 36:26-27, Job 38:19,31

*Today, I will trust God to:*

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