



A Maternal and Child Health Litany

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Reader 1: Our human lives are full of milestones and occasions to celebrate—from a child's precious first steps, to the entrance into adolescence, to the years of adulthood beyond—

Reader 2: From achievements in school to accomplishments at work and in the home. Our God is with us at every stage to guide us as we learn and change.

People: For your faithfulness, Father, we praise you!

Reader 1: In poor communities in our world, many families do not have the nutritious food, education, and proper health care they need to survive and thrive.

Reader 2: These men, women, and children have hopes and dreams and skills, but poverty has unjustly cut them off from what they need to build a healthy, strong future.

People: For our neglect of families in need, Father, forgive us.

Reader 1: In our world's poorest places, many pregnant mothers do not have nutritious food to eat or access to health care—

Reader 2: And many babies suffer from poor nutrition that places them at risk of early death or life-long health problems.

People: For our neglect of families in need, Father, forgive us.


Reader 1: When we ignore the suffering of pregnant mothers, young children, and parents struggling to survive . . .

People: Please forgive us.

Reader 2: When we forget to seek out ways to use what you have given us to bless others...

People: Please forgive us.

Reader 1: We praise you for the stories of parents in the poorest places who are taking steps to break free from poverty . . .



Reader 2: Through community programs that help them learn health practices and other life-skills so they can provide better for themselves and for their children.

People: For your faithfulness, Father, we praise you!

Reader 1: We praise you for working in us, cultivating generous hearts and a greater understanding of challenges facing our brothers and sisters around the world.

People: For your faithfulness, Father, we praise you!

Reader 2: We praise you because we know that you are at work everywhere, including places of crushing poverty, to inspire hope and awaken potential.

People: For your faithfulness, Father, we praise you!

Reader 1: Psalm 37:23 tells us that "The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him." We thank you Father, for your guidance.

Reader 2: We also thank you for gift of delight, which we can see in the smile of a parent and the laughter of a child!

Reader 1: We pray that you will continue to work in us and through us as we build your kingdom.

People: Glory be to God! Amen.