

Conception to Birth

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The Importance of Praying about the Conception to Birth Period:

- Conception inconvenient for parents
 1. Parents not married
 2. Baby not planned
 3. Husband not always home
 4. Couple unready for parenthood
 5. Baby given up for adoption
- Conception the result of a rape, lust, adultery
 1. One or both parents under the influence of drugs, alcohol
 2. Mother possibly a prostitute
- Baby unwanted by one or both parents
- Parents had to get married because of conception
- Mother experienced previous miscarriage or even abortion: Earlier trauma by mother invited spirit of fear in the womb
- Fear in mother during pregnancy
 1. Possible abuse to mother
 2. Possible abuse to/attempted abortion of baby in utero
- Mother's poor self-image during pregnancy
- Sickness, accident or grieving during pregnancy
- Marital discord
- Disappointment in sex of baby
- Negative, damaging words spoken over the baby in utero
- Traumatic Birth
 1. Long, hard labor
 2. Breech birth
 3. Umbilical cord wrapped around neck
 4. Delivery by instruments or premature birth
 5. Rh Blood factor problem
 6. Separated from mother and incubated at birth
- Difficulty with breast feeding/Baby not breast fed
- Potential problems with twin births
 1. Space problems in utero
 2. One twin does not survive
- Baby does not want to be born
 1. Fear resulting from one or more of the aforementioned factors.

Praying for Healing from Conception to Birth

1. Inquire delicately about the person's birth process:

Sample questions

Did he come at a good time in his parents' lives?

Were there previous miscarriages or abortions?

Was there difficulty in the pregnancy or birth itself?

Were the parents married?

Was there drug use, alcohol use in the home?

Did the parents get along?

How soon after the parents were married did the child come?

Did any close family members or friends die during this time?

Was the father at home?

Did the mother experience any illnesses at this time?

Through prayer, invite Jesus into the moment of conception.

2. Impress upon the person that before he was formed in his mother's womb, God knew him. He created this person. His one purpose is for the person to have a loving relationship with Him forever. God is the first and real parent, and He placed this person in an earthly family.

3. Pray for release from genetic problems. Cut free from generational bondage, such as alcoholism, mental instability, occult involvement, promiscuity and out of wedlock births, poverty, etc.

4. Pray to fill the womb with the power of the Holy Spirit in the form of a warm, golden oil or light, so the baby lives, moves and has his being IN God. Let the Holy Spirit be the buffer between any negative thoughts, emotions or words of the mother or father, or doctor or other significant person.

5. Ask God to reassure the person that He wanted and planned for a male or female child. This person was created on purpose by God.

6. Ask God to place within the person all the gifts, talents and tools that this person will need to become the person God created.

7. Reassure the person of God's love and of the person's uniqueness. Pray for God's presence, safety and peace as the child grows and develops.

8. Ask the person quietly and gently what he is feeling or seeing. If nothing, ask what he is thinking.

9. When getting to the delivery, ask what he is feeling, i.e. fear, anxiety, excitement. Many times, people never wanted to be born. They perceived the world as unsafe and never wanted to come forth. Ask if he is able to ask Jesus to help him choose life.

10. Ask gently if the person can see or feel the Lord. It may be through a bright light or feeling of peace. Allow time for Jesus to receive him into His hands so the first touch the person ever feels is His touch of strength, gentleness, warmth, security and safety. Allow quiet time so that hopefully the person will see or feel Jesus' presence. Let Jesus' face be the first face he ever sees, and let Jesus' voice be the first voice he ever hears.

No one of illegitimate birth shall enter the assembly of the Lord; none of his descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall enter the assembly of the Lord. Deuteronomy 23:2

But it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the Almighty, that gives him understanding. Job 32:8

The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. Job 33:4

But You, O God, do see trouble and grief; You consider it to take it in hand. The victim commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless. Psalm 10:14

Yet you brought me out of the womb; You made me trust in You even at my mother's breast. From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God. Ps 22:9-10

If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. Psalm 27:10

Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from Him. Psalm 127:3

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely You desire truth in the inner parts; You teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Psalm 51:5-6

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Even from birth the wicked go astray; from the womb they are wayward and speak lies. Psalm 58:3

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling. God set the lonely in families, He leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land. Psalm 68:5-6

They would not be like their forefathers—a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to Him. Psalm 78:8

Those who sow in tears shall reap with joyful shouting. He who goes to and fro weeping carrying his bag of seed, Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him. Psalm 126:5-6

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 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 139:13-16

The human spirit will endure sickness; but a broken spirit – who can bear? Proverbs 18:14

The cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17:22

As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things. Ecclesiastes 11:5

This is what the Lord says – He who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you. Isaiah 44:2a

Listen to me, yo islands; hear this you distant nations: Before I was born the Lord called me; from my birth He has made mention of my name. Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child sh has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! Isaiah 49:1, 14

For this is what the Lord says: "I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you. . ." Isaiah 66:12-13a

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart. Jeremiah 1:5a

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid hands on them and went on his way. Matthew 19:13-15

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her. At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judah, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy." Luke 1:38-44

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." Luke 18:15-17

A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that the child is born into the world. John 16:21

But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by His grace. . ." Galatians 1:15

For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will . . .to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves. Ephesians 1:4-6

In the sight of God, who gives life to everything. . . 1 Timothy 6:13

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The man who fears is not made perfect in love. 1 John 4:18

CLUES FOR IDENTIFICATION OF IN UTERO WOUNDS

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Conditions In Utero	Commonly Observed Patterns of Attitude and Behavior after Birth
A child is not wanted or parents ambivalent about wanting them	Striving, performance orientation, trying to earn the right to be, inordinate desire to please (or the opposite: rejecting before he/she can be rejected), tense, apologetic, angry, death wish, frequent illness, problems with bonding, refuses affection (or has an insatiable desire for it)
Conceived out of wedlock	Deep sense of shame, lack of belonging
Bad time financially	"I am a burden. . ."
Parents too young, not ready	"I'm an intrusion."
Poor health of mother	Guilt for being – child may take emotional responsibility for the mother
Parents wanted child of the opposite sex	Sexual identification problems (sometimes one of the causes of homosexuality), striving to be what the parents want, futility, defeatist attitude: "I was wrong from the beginning"
This conception follows miscarriage	Overserious, over achieving, striving, trying to make up for the loss, angry at being a replacement, not getting to be "me"
Mother's inordinate fear of delivery	Afraid, insecure, fearful of childbirth
Fighting in the home	Nervous, uptight, fearful, jumpy, quick to jump in to control a discussion when differences of opinion are beginning to emerge, guilty – "I'm the reason for the quarrel," parental inversion: taking emotional responsibility for the parents.
Father dies or leaves	Guilt– "My fault," anger, bitter root expectation to be abandoned, inordinate hunger to find the father, death wish, depression
Mother loses a loved one	Deep sadness, depression, death wish, fear of death, loneliness, "no support for me – I will have to depend on myself."
Unwholesome sexual relations, father's approaches to the mother are insensitive, violent, or more than one sex partner	Aversion to sex or promiscuity, fear of male organ, general unhealthy attitude
Mother is afraid of gaining too much weight, does not eat properly	Insatiable hungers, anger
Mother a heavy smoker	Predisposition to sever anxiety
Mother consumes much caffeine	Baby likely to have poor muscle tone and low activity level

Mother consumes alcohol	More than just chemical effects, the baby absorbs the negative feelings which cause the mother to drink
Breech delivery	Higher risk of having learning problems
Unusually painful delivery	Anger lacking acceptable outlet, ulcers, depression
Relatively normal delivery	Fury (if mother's or child's pain seems to confirm rejection or ambivalence in utero)
Induced labor	Can affect mother/child bonding, can result in masochistic personality or sexual perversion, anger
C-Section	Intense craving for all kinds of physical contact, trouble with concept of space, clumsiness
Corn Around Neck	Throat-related problems, swallowing, speech impediments, anti-social or criminal behavior.

