

Prayer for Fetal Development

Jesus, we invite you into the moment of _____'s conception.

_____, before you were formed in your mother's womb, God knew you. He created you. His one purpose is for you to have a loving relationship with Him forever. God is your first and real parent, and He placed you in an earthly family.

Lord, release _____ from genetic problems. Cut him/her free from generational bondage, such as alcoholism, mental instability, occult involvement, etc.

Lord, fill the womb with the power of Your Holy Spirit. May it be a warm, light-filled place so _____ lives, moves and has his/her being IN You, God. Let Your Holy Spirit be the buffer between any negative thoughts, emotions, or words of _____'s mother or father.

Father God, reassure _____ that You wanted and planned for him/her just as he/she is--a son/daughter. _____, you were created male/female on purpose by God.

God, place within _____ all the gifts, talents and tools that he/she will need to become the person God created and anticipated..

Father, Reassure _____ of Your love. Give her/him understanding of her/his uniqueness. I ask for your presence, safety and peace as _____ grows and develops.

Hear Him call your name. You were chosen before the foundation of the world.

Isa 49:1 Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name.

Eph 1:3-4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Month 1

Formation of your body. He planned and formed your sexual identity from the very beginning.

Ps 139:13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

____ Gender is determined at conception

____ Brain, spinal cord, hair, and skin are formed. Already you have the foundation for thought, senses, feeling, and more!

____ Heart and primitive circulatory system rapidly form

____ Reflex actions develop

Month 2

Length 0.9 inch

Weight 0.07 ounce (less than the weight of a penny)

There's nothing you can do to gain God's approval. He already approved of you from the very beginning.

Jer 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart;

Isa 44:2 This is what the LORD says--he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid.

____ Fingers start to develop

____ Feet start to appear with tiny notches for the toes

____ Fingerprints are already evident in the skin

- ___ You have begun movement - While still too small for Mom to feel, you are wriggling, shifting, and dancing!
- ___ You curve your fingers around objects
- ___ Primitive body language—you express likes and dislikes with jerks and kicks

Month 3

Length 1.22 inch

Weight 0.14 ounce (similar in weight to a teaspoon of sugar)

You are a human being – created by God.

Ps 138:14 “I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

- ___ The most critical part of your development is complete. Now is a period of rapid growth.
- ___ Eye color is determined by this point.

Month 4

Length 2.91 inches
to 3.42 inches

Weight 0.81 ounce to 1.52 ounces (similar in weight to 4 quarters to 8 quarters)

Your mother felt your movement for the first time. The old-fashioned word was “quickened.”

1 Tim 6:13 “In the sight of God, who gives life to everything”

Ps 138:14

- ___ Hands are becoming more functional - starts playing with fist.
- ___ Thyroid gland has matured and begins producing hormones which will be used throughout life.

Month 5

Claim healing of emotions for you and your mother. Thank God for your mother, for life and nourishment through her..)

1 John 4:18a “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.

- ___ Sucking, swallowing and blinking are now evident-- even hiccupping!
- ___ You are able to breathe "underwater," inhaling and exhaling small amounts of amniotic fluid.
- ___ **chords are formed. You are able to go through the motions of crying but without air you don't make a sound.**
- ___ **can use facial expressions—frown, grimace, squint**
- ___
- ___ **are making urine**
- ___ Immunities are being transferred from your mother to you now. These immune cells will protect you from for up to six months after birth
- ___ The nerve cells for taste, smell, hearing, seeing, and touch are now developing in specialized areas of the brain. Existing nerve cells grow larger and make more complex connections.
- ___ You can hear general noises outside of the womb. You may startle in reaction to loud sounds. Familiar voices, music, and sounds that you become accustomed to during your development stages often are calming after birth.
- ___ (In this month, all internal organs are fully developed except lungs)

Month 6

Length 11.38 inches (almost a foot!)

Weight 1.1 pounds (similar in weight to a 16oz bottle of coke)

Anointed, leap for joy – Just as John the Baptist leaped in his mother's womb when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, entered the room.

Luke 1:38-45 "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 Judea, 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. Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"

____ You can now hear conversations more clearly. When mom or others talk, read, or sing, you hear it and can distinguish different voices.

____ Your brain has entered a stage of rapid growth.

Month 7

Hidden from the world but not from God.

Ps 139:15-16 "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."

Be careful not to blame God for congenital problems. These things were not planned by God, but came as a result of a world separated from its Creator.

____ all parts of the baby's body are complete. Hearing completed, eyes opened, lungs developed, blood changed to carry oxygen.

____ Taste buds begin to form. If mom drinks something strange or bitter, you show visible distaste.

____ The muscular coordination of your hands has improved, and you often suck your thumb.

____ Brain wave activity is detectable--brain scans show response to touch and sights.

____ **ginnings of conscious awareness**

Month 8

Length 15.2 inches

Weight 2.54 pounds (similar in weight to a ½ sack of sugar)
to 2.9 pounds (similar in weight to a half-gallon of milk)

You and your mother are psychologically connected. You're growing fast and things are getting a bit crowded. Plans are being made for your arrival.

Is 66:12-13a "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'"

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

____ You have the capability to produce tears

____ **may move to the rhythm of music. Studies with heart rates show that you may prefer some types of music to others.**

____ All five senses are working. You are fascinated—practicing and testing these out as much as possible!

____ You are now having periods of dream sleep (REM).

____ Neurons and synapses are developing in huge numbers.

Month 9

Length 19.1 inches

Weight 6.3 pounds (full-term size)

Fullness of time – normally 280 days until birth. You are ready to be born. Jesus is there to help deliver you.

John 16:21 Jesus said: "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 a child is born into the world."

Ps. 22:9-10 "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."

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

 Grasp is firm now.

Many times, people never wanted to be born. They perceived the world as unsafe and never wanted to come forth. Ask if they are able to ask Jesus to help him to choose life.

Ask gently if the person can see or feel the Lord. It may be through a bright light or a feeling of peace. Allow time for Jesus to receive him/her into His hands so the first touch the person 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

You may ask the person at this point: "Are you willing to be born? To these parents? For Jesus' sake? It is good to have prayer for the healing of any fear or pain of birth the person may have experienced.

Pray to release the person from any guilt in the mother's pain. "Jesus was there to deliver you; you were bonded to Him. Look into His loving eyes and feel His love for you." (If the person can, they may relate what they saw or felt happening in the birth scene.)

[Note: If the person was not a full-term baby, stop before the ninth month and revise as the Holy Spirit leads. No matter what kind of birth it was – normal with head first, breach birth, head wrapped with umbilical cord, Cesarean Section, instrument birth, Rh blood factor complication – God's presence can take the fear of birth away. If the newborn child was ill or in an incubator, or mother was ill, and so the child was separated from the mother for some time, had surgery, or any other additional trauma, let Jesus meet these needs.]

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