

## Prayer against Barrenness

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Prayer against barrenness is a compilation of declaration of the word of God against barrenness.

The prayer points here are designed to break every yoke of childlessness in your life. Barrenness is an aberration in the life of any children of God. That is why we must pray against it. God has legislated against barrenness in the life of his children. He doesn't want you and I to be barren (Exodus 23:26, Deuteronomy 7:14). In Genesis 1:28, God said "...Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth...". Beloved, if you are barren, how will this commandment of God be fulfilled in your life? Certainly, God is not the one working against his own commandment in the life of his children; it is the enemy of God (Satan and his agents) that are causing barrenness in the life of children of God.

Beloved, if you will give the totality of your life to God and pray the following prayers fervently and consistently, you will soon discover that childlessness is an irregularity in the kingdom of the Most High.

## **Scripture Reading**

Read: Genesis 1: 27-28, 1Samuel 1: 1-20, Judges 13:3

## Praise, Worship and Thanksgiving

Start by singing some choruses unto the Lord if you know how to sing, if not go ahead and give praise and thanksgiving unto the creator of heaven and earth.

- I thank you Lord for your love for me. I thank you Jesus for being there for me.
- Creator of heavens and the earth I thank you. Lord Jesus I give you praise.
- Father, I thank you for all the promises in your word. I thank you Most High God.
- Lord Jesus, I thank you for saving me. I give you praise and honour.
- I thank you Father for being the source of my fruitfulness.
- I thank you Jesus because I know that you have the power to open the womb of the barren. Thank you Jesus.
- You are worthy to be praised O Lord. You are worthy to receive all honour and adoration.

- There is none like you O Lord; all power belongs to you (<u>Matthew 28:19</u>).
- Thank you, Jesus, for being my Lord and savior.

## **Prayer Points against Barrenness**

- 1. Lord Jesus I come before you with the burden of my heart, please answer me today.
- 2. It is written, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find..." Father let me receive answer to all my prayers today in the name of Jesus (Matthew 7:7)
- 3. It is written "...be fruitful and multiply..." Father make me fruitful in the name of Jesus (Genesis 1:28)
- 4. It is written "There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren..." Almighty father let me not be barren in the name of Jesus (Exodus 23:26)
- 5. Everlasting father let me not suffer any form of miscarriage in the name of Jesus.
- 6. It is written that the Lord, "...makes the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children..." Lord of heaven and the earth, please make a joyful mother of children in the name of Jesus (Psalm 113:9).
- 7. Lord, as you open the womb of Leah (<u>Genesis 29:31</u>) and Hannah (<u>1Samuel 1:20</u>), please open my womb to bear children that will glorify your name in the name of Jesus.
- 8. Almighty father I commit my child bearing into your hand, please give me children from your throne in the name of Jesus
- 9. Jehovah I commit my life into your hand, every satanic contraceptive that the enemy has inserted into my reproductive organ, please uproot them in the name of Jesus.
- 10. Lord, I commit my husband/wife into your hand, please uproot every satanic condom and other evil contraceptive that the enemy has inserted into his/her reproductive organ in the name of Jesus.
- 11. Everlasting God I commit my life into your hand, let your fire consume every spirit husband hindering me from conceiving in the name of Jesus.
- 12. It is written, "...and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that waited for me"(Isaiah 49:23). Lord Jesus, I commit the totality of my child bearing into your hand, please let me know that you are the Lord on this issue. Let me not be put to shame for calling your name (In Jesus name I pray).
- Thank you Lord for giving me another opportunity to call your name today.
- Glory be to your holy name. Honour and adoration belongs to you.
- Thank you, Jesus. Thank you Saviour.

**Please note**: Do not just pray this prayer once and forget about it. Make up your mind to pray them regularly until the Lord answers you. Waiting on God has no time dimension.

Praying that the Lord answer will answer you as you commit yourself to pray against barrenness in the name of Jesus.

I will try to go in chronological order:

**Sarah and Abraham:** "Despite God's promise, years went by. Still Abram's wife Sarai remained childless. (Genesis 16:1)." At the age of 86, Abraham had a son with Sarai's servant (at Sarai's insistence in Genesis 16:2), but at the age of 99, he and Sarah still had no children together. But again, "When Abram was 99 years old, the Eternal One appeared to him again, assuring him of the promise of a child yet to come. (Genesis 17:1)."

This next part is so neat. God told Abraham that "he will become the root of a huge family tree of multiple nations, and that "his descendants will be exceedingly fruitful. Nations and kins will descend from you." (Genesis 17:4,6)

It gets even better when God tells Abraham that, "Sarah will receive My special blessing, and she will conceive a son by you. With My blessing on her, she will become the founding princess of nations to come. Kings of many peoples will be counted among her children (Genesis 17:16)." How awesome is that?! She was already 90 years old when God made this promise to Abraham! And of course, God kept His promise to Abraham and Sarah, and Sarah gave birth to Isaac (Genesis 21:1).

"Is anything too difficult for the Eternal One to accomplish? At a time that I will determine, I will return here to you when life emerges from her womb. I am telling you, Sarah will give birth to a son."
-Genesis 18:14

("At a time that I will determine..." Even then, humans had trouble trusting God's timing. He promised Sarah a son, but she still had to trust in HIS timing.... She still had to trust that He would keep His promise, at the time that He determined.)
"BY FAITH Abraham's wife Sarah became fertile long after menopause because she believed God would be faithful to His promise."
-Hebrews 11:11

**Abimelech's wife and female slaves:** This was news to me, but after Abimelech took Sarah into his harem (when Abraham told him Sarah was his sister instead of his wife), he returned her repentantly upon learning the truth that Sarah was actually Abraham's wife. Scripture tells us that, after Abimelech returned Sarah to Abraham, "Abraham prayed to God on Abimelech's behalf, and God healed Abimelech. **He also healed the infertility that plagued Abimelech's wife and female slaves** enabling them to again bare children, because God had temporarily sealed the wombs of all the females of Abimelech's household (Genesis 20:17-18)."

**Isaac and Rebekah:** Isaac, the son of Abraham and Sarah, "prayed to the Eternal One on behalf of his wife because she wasn't becoming pregnant (Genesis 25:21)." The Lord granted Isaac's prayer, but only after TWENTY YEARS of infertility. Rebekah conceived and gave birth to TWINS (Jacob and Esau) after twenty years of pleading with God (25:24).

Once again, God's timing is vastly different from our own.

Rebekah's son Jacob "gave rise to a great nation; indeed nation after nation will come from him. Kings and rulers shall be numbered among his descendants (Genesis 35:11)."

Rachel: Jacob, Isaac and Rebekah's younger son (the one mentioned above), married sisters Leah and Rachel. Leah had six sons and one daughter, while the Lord closed Rachel's womb. Rachel complained often to her husband about her infertility, saying, "I will just die if you don't give me children (Genesis 30:1)!" Jacob and Rachel even argued about this. The Bible tells us that Jacob became angry with Rachel, saying, "Am I God? He's the One responsible for you not getting pregnant, not me (Genesis 30:2)!" Even back then, infertility caused stress on marriages!

Finally, Scripture tells us that "God remembered Rachel. He heard her prayer and made her fertile. She conceived and gave birth to her first son. (Genesis 30:22)" She named him Joseph. Rachel died giving birth to her second son, Benjamin. Jacob set up a pillar to mark his wife's tomb, and the pillar still stands today (Genesis 35:18).

Jacob had twelve sons, who became the twelve tribes of Israel.

**Manoah's wife:** Though Scripture does not name her, it does tell us that, "Manoah, from the tribe of Dan, was married to a wife who could bear him no children (Judges 13:2)." A Messenger of the Lord came to Manoah's wife, and told her that though she is barren, that is about to change. He told her that she will

give birth to a son. He told her never to use a razor on his head, because she will raise the boy as a Nazirite, dedicated to the True God, and he will be the one to begin delivering Israel from the Philistines. Sound familiar? Manoah's wife, who was barren, gave birth to Samson.

Samson, through his physical weakness, helped deliver the people of Israel.

Hannah and Elkanah: Hannah prayed year after year after year for children. She was often consumed with thoughts of infertility, so distraught that she could not eat. The Bible tells us that Hannah was heartbroken, and she began to pray to the Eternal One, weeping uncontrollably as she did (1 Samuel 1:9-10). When Eli saw Hannah praying (she was weeping, and her lips were moving, but words were not coming out...boy does that sound familiar!) he rebuked her for being drunk. Hannah had to explain to him that she was not drunk, but that she was a woman who has been pouring out the pain in her soul before the Eternal One (1 Samuel 1:15).

Out of all of the stories I have read about infertility in the Bible, Hannah's is the one that resonates the loudest. Her pain in something that I can feel reading the Scriptures, and it is a familiar pain, a familiar longing, and a familiar frustration. The Bible so clearly portrays the depths of her emotion, physical, and spiritual pain.

But eventually, God remembered Hannah's petition, and she became pregnant with Samuel. After giving birth to Samuel, Hannah conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters.

Her son Samuel grew tall, and wise in the ways of the Lord. He grew in favor with God and with the people he served (2:26).

Samuel eventually became the last and greatest judge of Israel.

"It was this child I prayed for, and the Eternal has indeed granted me the petition I made. So, as I vowed, I will lend him back to the Eternal. For as long as he lives, let him serve our Eternal One."

-1 Samuel 1:27

Michal: Michal was King Saul's daughter, and the first wife of David (1 Samuel 19). She was the princess, and became the wife of a king, yet had no children. Hers is the only story of infertility in the Bible that does not end with a miracle child. Michal remained barren until her dying day (2 Samuel 6:23). But even her infertility had a purpose. God saw the bigger picture, because He is the one who wrote and illustrated the whole story. And because Michal had no children, no descendant of Saul ever regained the throne of Israel. Through Michal's infertility, God wrote this part of human history.

**The Shunammite Woman:** The Bible does not even tell us this woman's name. We only know that she was kind and hospitable to the prophet Elisha. She was barren, but Elisha promised her that, in exchange for her good service to him, she would conceive a son. Although the woman claimed that such would be impossible, she held her son in her arms one year after Elisha prophesied over her (2 Kings 4:16-17).

Elizabeth and Zecharias: We learn in Luke 1:6 that Elizabeth and Zecharias were good and just people in God's sight, walking with integrity in the Lord's ways. But they had the sadness that, due to Elizabeth's infertility, they were childless. Additionally, they were both well past childbearing years.

There are just so many cool things about this story. A Messenger of the Lord came to Zecharias and explained to him that his wife would have a son, whom they were to call John. He would be filled with the Holy Spirit, even in Elizabeth's womb, and he would be born with the mission to turn many of the people of Israel around to follow the path of the Lord their God (Luke 1:14-16). Elizabeth's son was being born to fulfill a prophesy. He was being born as the Lord's forerunner, the one who would prepare the people and make them ready for God (Luke 1:17)!!!

"When the time was right (Here we go again with waiting on God's timing!)
Elizabeth gave birth to a son. News about the Lord's special kindness to her had spread through her extended family and the community. Everyone shared her joy, for after all these years of infertility, she had a son!"
-Luke 1:57,58

Because of Elizabeth's journey through infertility, "People were certain that God's hand was on this child, and they wondered what sort of person John would turn out to be when he became a man (Luke 1:66)."

Elizabeth was old and barren. This created the perfect situation for God to perform a miracle! Through Elizabeth's story, people were already certain that God's hand was in John's life before he was even born. He had a platform while still in her womb!

After years of infertility, Elizabeth became the mother of John the Baptist. In each of these stories, including the story of Michal, who had no children, God used infertility to show His miraculous power, and to carry out His plan for human history.

Except for Michal, God opened all the wombs of these previously barren woman. In two instances the women were clearly beyond child bearing years, yet they

bore sons of promise. I realize why God did not allow Michal to have children, but even now, my heart hurts for her. I do not understand the ways of God. I do not understand the heart of God, and I do not understand His timing. But I know He performed miracles then, and He performs them today too.

"Into the home of the childless bride, He sends children who are, for her, a cause of happiness beyond measure.

Praise the Eternal!"

-Psalm 113:9

\*\*I used *The Voice* translation of the Bible in each of the references I quoted. I think it does a beautiful job of telling the story of each of these women in a clear, concise, and easy-to-understand way.