Prayer Topic #7: A Prayer for Couples Who Are Trying to Have a Baby and Have Been Unsuccessful

Scripture Reading:

Luke 1:45-55, I Samuel 1:9-18

Reflections of the Heart:

"Hope is the companion of power, and mother of success; for who so hopes strongly has within him the gift of miracles."

~ Samuel Smiles

Scriptural Prayer:

Almighty Father, You are intimately aware of the deep desire in the hearts of the married couples who have been faced with the burden of infertility. You are also the God or miracles - particularly the miracle of life. You are the Lord, the God of all the peoples of the world. Is there anything too hard for You? Thank You for continually giving these couples the faith and courage to keep trying. Thank You for the progress that has been made in medical science to help couples realize their dream of giving birth to a child. Thank You for the love and support of family, friends, and loved ones who are undergirding them with prayer throughout their challenges. How amazing are Your deeds, Lord! All who delight in You should ponder them. Everything You do reveals Your glory and majesty. Your righteousness never fails.

Heavenly Father, we speak life to the seed and the womb of every couple who desires to have a baby but has been unsuccessful at conceiving one. In the Name of Jesus, we, the Body of Christ, take authority over every demonic power that is trying to impede the blessing of Your promise from being realized by these couples. We declare that these couples take delight in You, Lord, and You will give them their heart's desires. We proclaim that despite the struggles they are experiencing, they will keep nurturing one another and building a stronger marriage together. They will trust in You and in Your power to handle that which is beyond their control. Father, we believe that You are the One who knows what the Spirit is saying as He pleads for them in harmony with Your own will. And we know that You cause everything to work together for their good because they love You and are called according to Your purpose for them. We confess that they will not be overtaken with frustration and discouragement. They will not be dejected and sad, for the joy of the Lord is their strength!

Holy Spirit, as these couples continue to try to conceive, let them take comfort in Your love for them. Be with them as they attend doctor's appointments and consultations. Keep them at peace with one another so that the stress of the past unsuccessful attempts do not distract them from what's most important. Help those who are closest to them to treat them with respect and sensitivity. Help each husband to release any guilt or resentment he may have toward himself or his wife. Help each wife to release any guilt or resentment she may have toward herself or her husband. Keep love alive in their hearts. May the Father's gracious hand be upon them throughout this season of their lives. Put them in the company of those who speak life, hope, and faith to them and about them. Show them how to prepare to receive the blessing when it comes. But in the meantime, while they wait, strengthen them to reach out to others with all the love they are waiting to lavish upon their own child. Remind them the Father is nearer to them than they may think and that He has not forgotten them.

List the names of those you know who are struggling to conceive a child you can bless them:	and ask the Holy Spirit how

Divine Father, forgive these couples of any sins they have committed against you. Forgive them for any outbursts of anger or fits of rage and blame they may have had against others. Forgive them for any wrong motive for wanting a child that may be hidden in their hearts. Forgive those medical professionals that have not handled them with care and compassion. Forgive any family members or loved one who may be putting pressure on these couples to start a family. Lord, forgive me for (list any sins that you have committed). Holy Spirit, remind these couples of all those they need to forgive and help them 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, "Iforgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)

Lord, help these couples to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Sovereign Lord, all glory, majesty, power, and authority belong to You before all time. No one is holy like You. There is no one besides You. There is no Rock like our God. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

<u>Scripture References for the Written Text</u>: Jeremiah 32:27, Psalm 111:2-3, Psalm 37:4, Romans 8:27-28, Nehemiah 8:10, Matthew 6:13, Jude 1:25, I Samuel 2:2

Today I will trust God to:				