

Blessed in Longing

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Infertility
- ✓ IVF/Surrogacy
- ✓ Miscarriage/Stillbirth

Infertility

- ✓ Invite families without children to mentor youth, be active in VBS, or teach Sunday School.
- ✓ Validate longing and send messages or encouraging cards.
- ✓ Share the LFL resource "Prayers While I Wait".
- ✓ Include those who are barren in family activities or youth events.
- ✓ Personally pray for infertile couples that they might conceive.
- ✓ Promote adoption – host fundraisers for adoptive families.

IVF/Surrogacy

- ✓ Encourage pastors to have a liturgical service to mourn children lost to IVF, miscarriage, and stillbirth.
- ✓ Affirm forgiveness for those who participated in IVF or surrogacy.

- ✓ Celebrate those conceived in IVF as being children of God.
- ✓ Provide God-pleasing education on ways to address infertility.

Miscarriage/Stillbirth

- ✓ Host a Bible study on miscarriage and stillbirth.
- ✓ Offer families LFL resources like "Baby Shalom" or "Miscarriages: An Empty Cradle and a Full Hope".
- ✓ Create a memorial garden.
- ✓ Help raise funds for a funeral.
- ✓ Visit with a woman who has had a miscarriage or stillbirth; grieve alongside her and pray for her recovery.
- ✓ Pray for families experiencing a miscarriage or a stillborn child, including on Mother's Day and Father's Day.

"Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation: for you I wait all the day long." (Psalm 25:5)