

Daily Devotion For April 23, 2023

I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born. I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah 1:5

This afternoon, we will gather at Marilyn Kodani’s home for a “sprinkle” an opportunity to welcome and celebrate three babies that have been born to family members this past year.

Newborn babies are the sweetest, most innocent, and heart-consuming people in our lives. Our awesome God who created the majestic mountains and the endless ocean’s also knit these precious gifts together in secret. Jeremiah 1:5 tells us that it is God who created and formed us in our mother’s womb. These little babies, created to perfection, arrive with nothing and needing everything. Not everything on the baby registry but the need for love. In loving our babies deeply, they’re actually teaching us. Our babies, and the love we have for them, give us a glimpse of the love God has for us. All consuming. Never-ending. Unconditional.

Thought for Today: Do you know someone who recently welcomed a little bundle of joy? Take time to pray for them today:

Today’s Prayer Focus: Below is a prayer for new babies and their parents.

Dear Lord, Thank you for this precious blessing! There seems to be no greater physical gift than this sweet bundle of joy, sent straight from You.

Please bless this baby, Lord. Place a shield of protection around their little body and guard them as they grow. Keep them safe and healthy, Lord. Help this dear one to know they are deeply and wholly and forever loved – first by You, and then by so many of us. Bless this baby, Lord, and bless their parents. Help them adjust to their new normal as they welcome a whole new person into their lives, hearts and home. Give them even one whole night of sleep, and give them strength and energy when the nights are short. Blanket their home in peace, grace, and love. Thank you Lord, for this new life. We praise and thank You for Your good and perfect creation. Amen.