



Praying For Your Expectant Child

Wk	CTR/HTT* Length (in inches)	Weight	How to Pray For Your Baby	Interesting Things That Occurred This Week
3			Over the next nine months, you and your baby will develop in different ways. This week pray that God will guide you as you prepare for the gift of life He is placing in your home.	
4	CTR = 0.14 to 0.04		Pray for the layers of cells developing that will form the <i>ectoderm</i> (the nervous system) and the <i>endoderm</i> (the lining of the gastrointestinal tract, the liver, pancreas, and thyroid) and the <i>mesoderm</i> (the skeleton, connective tissues, blood system, urogenital system and most of the skeletal and smooth muscles.)	
5	CTR = 0.05		Pray for the heart-forming plate as it develops. This week, the formation of the central nervous system (the brain) and the muscle and bone formation are in their early stages. This will all come together to form your baby's skeleton.	
6	CTR = 0.08 to 0.16		This week is the beginning of the <i>embryonic period</i> . It is very important in the development of your baby. Pray for the heart tubes as they fuse and your baby's heart as it begins to contract.	
7	CTR = 0.16 to 0.52 About the size of a BB or green pea		This week your baby's leg and arm buds are growing longer and have divided into a hand segment and an arm-shoulder segment. The toes and fingers are not yet formed but are in the process. Pray for your baby's heart as it is dividing into the separate right and left heart chambers. Pray for the lungs and the bronchi tubes as they form. Pray for the cerebral hemispheres, which make up the brain. Pray for the intestines as they are developing and the appendix which is now present, as is the pancreas which produces the hormone insulin.	

8	CTR = 0.56 to 0.8 About the size of a pinto bean.		<p>Pray for the eyelids as they are forming on the face.</p> <p>Pray for the lip and nose as they are now present.</p> <p>Pray for your baby's external ears as they are forming.</p> <p>Pray for the aortic and pulmonary valves in the heart.</p> <p>Pray for the tubes leading from the trachea to the functioning part of the lungs as they begin branching.</p> <p>Pray for the trunk of the baby as it is getting longer and beginning to straighten out.</p> <p>Pray for your baby's elbows as they are now present and the arm and legs as they are extended forward.</p> <p>Pray for your baby's fingers and toes as they are notched.</p> <p>Pray for the heart as a dividing tissue separating the left and right atria grows.</p> <p>There is an opening between the atria called the foramen ovale. This opening lets blood pass from one atrium to the other allowing it to bypass the lungs. At birth, this opening closes.</p>	
9	CTR = 0.9 to 1.2 About the size of a medium green olive		<p>Pray for the organ system that is forming at this time.</p> <p>Pray for the arms and legs as they grow longer.</p> <p>Pray for the baby's wrists as they are formed.</p> <p>Pray for your baby's neck as it is more developed.</p> <p>Pray for your baby's eyelids as they almost cover the eyes.</p> <p>Pray for the external ears as they are evident and well-advanced.</p> <p>Pray for the movement of your baby as it begins moving its body and limbs.</p>	
10	CTR = 1.25 to 1.68 About the size of a small plum	0.18 ounce	This week is the end of the <i>embryonic period</i> . Now begins the <i>fetal period</i> which is characterized by rapid growth.. Thank God for the development that occurred during the embryonic period.	
11	CTR = 1.75 to 2.4 About the size of a large lime	0.3 ounce	<p>Pray for growth as your baby will double in length in the next 3 weeks.</p> <p>Pray for your baby's head.</p> <p>Pray for your baby's neck as it rises from the chest.</p> <p>Pray for the fingernails developing on the baby.</p> <p>Pray for the external genitalia as it is beginning to appear. The development of your child as male or female will be complete in the next 3 weeks.</p>	
12	CTR = 2.5	0.3 to 0.5 ounce	<p>Pray for your baby's heartbeat.</p> <p>Pray for the skeletal system as it now has centers of bone formation in most bones.</p> <p>Pray for the fingers and toes as they are now separated.</p> <p>Pray for the hair that is beginning to appear on your baby.</p> <p>Pray for the external genitalia as it is continuing to show definite signs of male or female.</p> <p>Pray for the digestive system as it is now capable of producing the contractions that push food through the bowels and is able to actively absorb glucose (sugar).</p> <p>Pray for the base of the brain, the pituitary gland as it is beginning to make many hormones.</p> <p>Pray for the nervous system as it continues to develop.</p> <p>Pray for the amount of amniotic fluid as it is increasing.</p>	
13	CTR = 2.6 to 3.1 About the size of a peach	0.5 to 0.7	<p>Pray for the head as it will slow in growth.</p> <p>Pray for the face as it is beginning to look more human-like.</p> <p>Pray for the eyes as they move closer together.</p> <p>Pray for the ears as they move to their normal position.</p> <p>Pray for the intestines as they withdraw into the fetal abdominal cavity.</p>	
14	CTR = 3.2 to 4.5 About the size of your fist	0.9 ounce	<p>Pray for the neck as it continues to get longer.</p> <p>Pray for the chin as it no longer rests on the chest.</p> <p>Pray for the sexual development as it continues.</p>	

1 5	CTR = 3.7 to 4.1 About the size of a softball	1.75 ounces	Pray for the skin. Pray for blood vessels that can be seen through the skin at this point in development. Pray for the fine hair that is covering the baby. Pray for the thumb as your child may be sucking it right now. Pray for the eyes as they continue moving forward to the front of the face. Pray for the external ears as they continue to develop. Pray for the bones that are formed but are getting harder and retaining calcium very rapidly.	
1 6	CTR = 4.3 to 4.6	2.8 ounces	Pray for the umbilical cord that is attached to the abdomen. Pray for the fingernails. Pray for the legs and arms as they continue getting longer and begin more movement.	
1 7	CTR = 4.4 to 4.8 About the size of your hand	3.5 ounces	Pray for the fat that is beginning to form during this week. Fat is important in heat production and metabolism. Pray for the water that is helping develop your baby.	
1 8	CTR = 5 to 5.6	5.25 ounces	Pray for the continued growth of your baby. Growth will begin to slow down a little at this point. Pray for the heart. (Did you know the heart begins contracting by day 22 of development?) Pray for the heart tubes as they develop into chambers.	
1 9	CTR = 5.2 to 6	7 ounces	Pray for the nervous system. Pray for the brain as it continues to develop and organize.	
2 0	CTR = 5.6 to 6.4	9 ounces	Pray for the skin covering your baby as it begins growing into the epidermis and the dermis. Pray for the fingerprints of your baby, the palms and soles of the feet as they are formed.	
2 1	CTR = 7.2 About the size of a large banana	10.5	Pray for the small intestine as it has begun to have movement. Pray for the fetal digestive system as it has developed enough to allow the fetus to swallow amniotic fluid.	
2 2			Pray for continued growth as your baby develops.	
2 3			Pray for yourself and your spouse that you will be prepared when your baby arrives.	
2 4			Pray for your doctors and nurses as they lead you through this time in your life.	
2 5	CTR = 8.8	1.5 pounds	Pray for others who are expecting.	
2 6	CTR = 9.2	2 pounds	Pray for the heartbeat of your child.	
2 7	CTR = 9.6 HTT = 15.3	Over 2 pounds	This is the beginning of your third trimester. Pray for the eyes as they continue to develop into pockets called <i>optical vesicles</i> . Pray for the ectoderm as it gives rise to the lens of each eye. Pray for the retina as it is important in the reception of light images.	
2 8	CTR = 10 HTT = 15.75	2.4 pounds	Pray for the brain as it forms characteristic grooves and indentations of the surface called the gyri and sulci. Pray for the amount of brain tissue as it increases. Pray for the eyebrows and eyelashes as they are formed. Pray for the hair on your baby's head. Pray for your baby's body as it is becoming plumper and rounder.	
2 9	CTR = 10.4 HTT = 16.7	2.7 pounds	Pray for your baby's knees.	
3 0	CTR = 10.8 HTT = 17	3 pounds	Pray for your baby's cheekbones.	

3 1	CTR = 11.2 HTT = 18	3.5 pounds	Pray for your baby's muscle development.	
3 2	CTR = 11.6 HTT = 18.9	4 pounds	Pray for your baby's kidneys.	
3 3	CTR = 12 HTT = 19.4	4.4 pounds	Pray for your baby's spine.	
3 4	CTR = 12.8 HTT = 19.8	5 pounds	Pray for you baby's collar bone, joints, and blood vessels.	
3 5	CTR = 13.2 HTT = 20.25	5.5 pounds	Pray for your baby's bladder.	
3 6	CTR = 13.5 HTT = 20.7	6 pounds	Pray for your baby's ankles and legs.	
3 7	CTR = 14 HTT = 21	6.5 pounds	Pray for your baby's lungs and respiratory system as they continue to develop.	
3 8	CTR = 14 HTT 21	6.8 pounds	Pray for your baby's future as it is only a few weeks before you will hold your baby in your arms.	
3 9	CTR = 14.4 HTT = 21.5	7 pounds	Pray for all the organ systems as they are developed and in place. Pray for the development of the lungs as they are in the last stages of maturing.	
4 0	CTR = 14.8 to 15.2 HTT = 21.5	7.5 pounds	Pray for the <i>billirubin</i> as it is transferred easily across the placenta from the fetus to the maternal <i>circulation</i> . (Billirubin is a breakdown product from red blood cells.)	
			Pray for guidance, strength, and God's dwelling as your receive the gift God has given you.	

* CTR = Crown to Rump (the distance from the top of the head to the buttocks)

HTT = Head to Toe (the distance from the top of the head to the toes)

Note: The content in this brochure is based on general estimates of times and development. Some babies are bigger, while others are smaller at birth than the stated weights.



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