

The Black Grannies Midwives Prayer

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Almighty God, our heavenly Father, the Author and finisher of our lives

We give thee thanks for health and strength and all the joys of life.

We pray that Thou wouldst bless the mothers and fathers everywhere,

Make them more loving in hearts and more Christ-like in the things they say and do

Guide us in this meeting. And may it be the means of preparing midwives to render service more pleasing to Thee, and more acceptable to our fellow man.

May Thy will be done and Thy kingdom come everywhere.

And when our work on earth is done grant that we may enter the building of God, the house, of no made with hands eternal, in the heavens, in the Lord's name.

Amen

(Graves 1960: 125)