

The Black Grannies Midwives Prayer

From the "Southern Lay Midwives As Ritual Specialties", written by Molly C. Dougherty

*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)