

God has given us a wonderful gift in the advances of medicine. Diseases that were deadly just a few decades ago are now healed with simple treatment. This is true of childbirth too. The advances in labor and delivery treatment techniques has changed greatly over the recent past. It is a blessing that God has given you the gift of having a child at this time in history. God has also given you another gift; your ability to think and make decisions. As you go through this time, do give God thanks, but also use the gifts God has given you to make the best decisions for you and your baby.

## God Gives to Us

- **God, who loves us, has given us good gifts:** *“Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...”* - James 1:17 (NASB)
- **Always give thanks to God:** *“And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* - Ephesians 5:20 (NLT)
- **God gives wisdom and common sense to each of us:** *“For the LORD grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest.”* - Proverbs 2:6-7 (NLT)

Your time giving birth will include lots of opportunities for wisdom. Pray to God for His help and guidance.

## Prayer

*“Dear God, thank you so much for the gift of modern medicine. And thank you for giving me the ability to make decisions. I ask that you would give me Your wisdom as I give birth. Protect me and my child, and help us through this time. Amen.”*