



# RESPECT FOR WOMEN, RIGHTS FOR ALL

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In my prayer,  
make me a baby girl  
who when born is considered to be  
a burden or curse on the family -  
that I may know what it is to feel unwanted.

In my prayer,  
make me a girl whose brothers are the only ones sent to school -  
that I may understand:  
before our creator we are equal; still one is deprived.

In my prayer,  
make me a young girl who is not married -  
that I may know the fear  
of how property will hinder my choice for marriage.

In my fast, make me an empty bowl -  
that you may fill the hollow space in me with love.

In my almsgiving, make me a grain of rice -  
that in the company of others, my gifts may feed a starving world.

Amen

*Prayer: Attique Swati, Pakistan Prayer Without Borders, Catholic Relief Services.*

*Photo: A new school for girls in Sri Lanka. David Snyder/Caritas.*

### **MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL 3**

**End disparity in primary and secondary education  
for boys and girls.**

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