Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Despite the Prenatal Diagnosis

Life Issues

As of a 2024 report:

527 babies in the U.S. were diagnosed with Trisomy 13, 1,101 were diagnosed with Trisomy 18, and 5,713 were diagnosed with Trisomy 21.

There are three types of Down syndrome -

Trisomy 21, Translocation Down syndrome, and Mosaic Down syndrome. Trisomy 21 is the most common type. In Trisomy 21, each cell in the body has three separate copies of chromosome 21. In Translocation, the extra 21st chromosome is attached to a different chromosome. In Mosaic, some cells have fewer than three copies of chromosome 21, but other cells have the typical two copies.

Pregnancy Loss

15% of pregnancies end in miscarriage.

1 in 160 pregnancies in the United States end in still birth.

Trisomy 13 & 18

~5% of babies born with Trisomy 13 will celebrate their first birthday.

~90% of babies born with Trisomy 18 will have heart defects.

His Word

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18, ESV

...Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Corinthians 1:4, ESV

Christian Response

Attend doctor's appointments with parents who have received an adverse prenatal diagnosis.

Sit with parents in mourning. Remind them of the hope they have in the resurrection even as they experience the pain of loss.

Pray for families who have received a prenatal diagnosis of disability.