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## Cry

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## Soft Hands | For Isora Wilson

*Alessandra LaGeorge (Public Relations 2027)*

I want my daughter to have soft hands.

Hands that don't know the labor that mine are so familiar with.

Hands that don't know the repeated action that my body responded to by giving me these calluses.

Calluses that came not 2 months after I was old enough to start picking with my family.

Calluses that I know were an answered prayer from my mother,

Who lovingly wrapped my hands night after night when they hadn't yet formed.

If my prayer is answered, my daughter will know no such sting,

She'll have no need for callused hands.

If my prayer is answered, she will have an easy life

Painless work

And soft hands.

## Cry

*Montika Smith (Public Relations 2027)*

It's not an inconvenience

To cry for those

Who have no tears left

To give

Their eyes have been dried

By cloths of apathy

Tissues of moderation

The chins of the suffering

Are lifted

Just to beg of their patience

While everything we lay in bed

To thank God for

Is being taken away from

Those who need it the most

