

## Join Us in Prayer

### What to pray for?

**Prevention-** Pray for schools and parents to teach children about sex trafficking and the very present dangers targeting children. Pray for those vulnerable to exploitation to be receive support and guidance from wise counsel and to be protected from the evil one.

**Freedom-** Pray for those whose lives are being stolen by human trafficking that they encounter someone who will guide them to freedom. Pray that the barriers and mistrust that keeps them in “the life” will be divinely crushed so that they can see a loving, merciful, forgiving God who loves them in the eyes of the advocates in front of them. Pray against the harmful effects of drug addiction and the fear of drug detox. Pray for law enforcement to receive proper trauma informed training so they can be equipped to do the good work.

**Restoration-** Pray for the healing and restoration to begin immediately for trafficking survivors. It is a scary, long, emotional, and spiritually exhaustive path to step into a lifelong journey of healing. Please pray that trust with loving workers builds. Please pray that trauma bonds are broken, and addictions are shattered. Pray that lives are restored, bodies are healed, and broken relationships with healthy family and friends are resurrected anew. Please pray that they learn new ways of thinking, coping, and learn the necessary social and financial skills needed to begin a productive life.

**Justice-** Pray for traffickers and sex buyers to be brought to justice and have a changed heart. Let their eyes and hearts be opened so they can understand what sex purchasing does and how it devastates the lives of those in it. Pray for the safety of law enforcement as they work to investigate and build strong cases. Pray for prosecutors to take on the hard to win cases that MUST be fought to bring justice for the victims. Pray for judges to have revelation and training to further understand this crime and the trauma it inflicts on the survivors. Pray for prosecutions and sentences to be just, fair, and swift.

**Provision-** Pray for funds, resources, and laborers to provide organizations with the help they need to be effective in this fight. It. Is. A. Fight. Please pray for the teams and organizations, law enforcement, and first-hand workers, who see this trauma repeatedly to not grow weary. Please pray for continual healing of their hearts as they face the hardship of this fight every single day. Replenish the workers physically, spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and financially to that they may continue this fight.

### **Prayers to Pray**

“Loving Father,

We seek your divine protection for all who are exploited and enslaved.

For those forced into labor, trafficked into sexual slavery, and denied freedom.

We beseech you to release them from their chains.

Grant them protection, safety, and empowerment.

Restore their dignity and provide them a new beginning.

Show us how we might end exploitation by addressing its causes.

Help us reach out in support of victims and survivors of human trafficking.

Make us instruments of your spirit for their liberation.

For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen”

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