

7 Ways TO PRAY FOR THE END OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

1. Pray for God to Mobilize the Local Community

“Then [Jesus] said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’” (Matthew 9:37-38, NIV).

- » Pray that God would ignite a flame in our hearts to work in His harvest field; Lord, send Your workers!
- » Pray that God would remind us that it is He Who equips us. In Him we live and move and have our being; He can bring about any giftings in us as He pleases.
 - **Remind us, God: It is Christ in us Who moves us to action (see Galatians 2:20).**
- » Pray for the local community to have open eyes, ears, and hearts to anti-human trafficking work, understanding that it's a highly prevalent issue that requires a unified, community-wide response and solution.
- » Pray for local communities to come together and serve each other so that there is no need among anyone in the community - effectively reducing vulnerabilities that can lead to exploitation (**see Acts 4:32-35**).

2. Pray for Prevention Efforts

- » Pray for opportunities to bring more human trafficking awareness training to businesses, organizations, and churches in the community. An educated community is an equipped and empowered community!
- » Pray for our training and awareness events that are happening regularly across Tampa Bay, the state of Florida, and the nation to be effective at moving hearts and mobilizing the masses to action.
- » Pray for local outreach efforts in our community to be tangible reminders to those being served as well as those serving that they are seen, valued, and loved.
- » Pray for God to raise up families that will step in to foster, adopt, or advocate for children who are at risk for exploitation.
 - **60% of human trafficking victims have spent time in the foster care system.**
- » Pray for families to re-engage in family time.
 - **Just one supportive and loving adult makes all the difference in a child's wellbeing and success in life, significantly reducing the risk of any kind of exploitation from occurring.**

3. Pray for Intervention Efforts

- » Pray for the front-line organizations and first responders who are working with current victims and survivors of human trafficking.
 - **Pray that they'd have appropriate and abundant resources to continue this important work.**
- » Pray for law enforcement efforts to be effective in their proactive intervention operations.
- » Pray for increased survivor home capacity.
 - **There are many victims who are seeking services but have nowhere to go due to lack of capacity and availability.**
- » Pray for wrap-around service providers including medical and dental professionals, trauma therapy providers, tattoo removal services, and others to have appropriate and abundant resources to support survivors' healing and restoration journeys immediately after they've exited the life.

4. Pray for Restoration Efforts

- » Pray for survivors to have the ability to step into vocational training, professional development, and employment that brings sustainable income and independence.
- » Pray for local businesses and organizations to hire survivors of human trafficking, helping survivors to break the cycle of exploitation for generations to come.
- » Pray for God to continue to call and raise up individuals to walk alongside survivors in their life-long journey of healing - whatever this may look like.
- » Pray for legislative efforts to effectively support victims and survivors of human trafficking - acting to not re-traumatize or re-exploit survivors.

5. Pray for the Buyers and Traffickers

- » Pray for God to:
 - **Confront buyers and traffickers in the tragedy of what they're engaging in.**
 - **Captivate and convict buyers' and traffickers' hearts.**
 - **Turn their lives away from sin and towards Jesus.**
- » Pray for buyers to seek help in overcoming any pornography and/or sex addiction that has led to their active participation in the sale and exploitation of victims of human trafficking.
- » Pray for a decrease in demand for buying and selling victims on the black market.
- » Pray for not only the prevalence but the cultural normalization of sexual violence and overall exploitation to be eradicated around the world in Jesus's name.

6. Pray for Survivors' Life-Long Restoration Journey

- » Pray for survivors to deeply encounter and know the love of God.
- » Pray for survivors to be supported through the Church and community partners to thrive in the life that God has authored for them.
- » Pray for every survivor to have the eyes to see and the heart to know that God sees them, loves them, and walks beside them, before them, and behind them.
- » Pray that the nearness of God is always evident to them in a personal way that they cannot miss.
- » Pray for survivors to find sustainable employment that they enjoy.
- » Pray for survivors to find joy and safety in loving community, healthy coping activities, and hobbies that bring life.

7. Pray for How YOU Can Make a Difference

- » Pray for God to guide you and speak to your heart about where He wants YOU to get involved in anti-trafficking ministry.
 - **Whether it's learning more, raising awareness, volunteering, or being an advocate with a local anti-trafficking or foster care organization, the heart of Jesus is to eradicate this atrocity by working through His Church - His hands and feet, which includes YOU!**

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