

Human Trafficking and Modern-day Slavery

Prayer resources

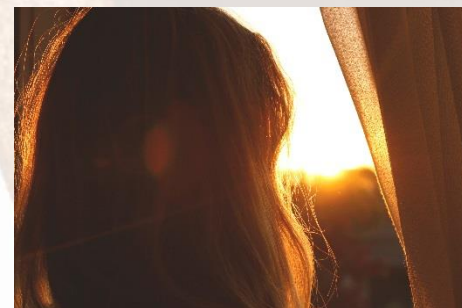


***“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the
broken-hearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the
prisoners.”***

Isaiah 61:1



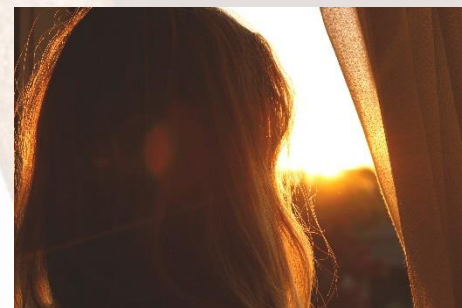
Pray freedom for



- The estimated 40.3 million people in modern-day slavery around the world
- The estimated 136,000 women, children and men in modern-day slavery in the UK
- 75% of all victims of trafficking worldwide who are women and girls
- People vulnerable to traffickers because of poverty



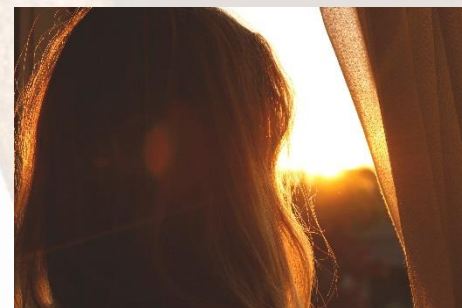
Pray freedom for



- Women and girls being exploited in prostitution – for their health, safety and freedom
- Children held captive and forced to work as domestic servants and in cannabis farms – for courage, protection and freedom
- Men forced to work in factories and farms for little or no money



Pray freedom for



- Survivors who have been arrested and imprisoned for crimes they were forced to commit by their traffickers
- Survivors as they recover from their ordeal and try to rebuild their lives
- Children now in the care of local authorities – that they would receive the support they need and be safe from the influence of their traffickers



***“Defend the weak and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of the poor and the
oppressed.” Psalm 82:3***



Pray strength and provision for those supporting victims



- For charities, their staff and volunteers providing support for victims in their immediate and long term recovery, including:
 - The Salvation Army, TARA, Migrant Help, Women’s Aid, Unseen, Medaille Trust, City Hearts, The Snowdrop Project, Hope for Justice and many more.



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- For social workers, foster carers, and specialist advocates/guardians working with trafficked children - for wisdom and compassion
- For charities supporting those in prostitution and helping them to find a way out, especially those in the Beyond the Streets network.

Pray wisdom and boldness for those in authority



- For all police officers that they would know and spot the signs of trafficking and exploitation
- For Police Commanders, Chief Constables, and Police and Crime Commissioners – that they would make investigating these crimes a priority



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- For all immigration and UK Border Force officers – that they would be vigilant for victims of trafficking
- For those making decisions under the National Referral Mechanism about whether a person has been a victim – for wisdom and compassion

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- For the swift appointment of a new Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner – that the right person would be found
- For the new Commissioner as they seek to help the Government, police and other agencies improve their response to trafficking and modern-day slavery



Pray wisdom and boldness for those in authority



- The British Government, particularly for those taking a lead on these issues:
 - Theresa May, Prime Minister
 - Sajid Javid, Home Secretary
 - Victoria Atkins, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Home Office
 - Baroness Williams of Trafford, Minister of State, Home Office



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- Members of Parliament and Peers speaking up against trafficking & sexual exploitation:
 - Baroness Butler-Sloss, Lord McColl, Fiona Bruce MP and other members of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery
 - Gavin Shuker MP and the All Party Group on Prostitution and the Global Sex Trade



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- For the Government to respond positively to Lord McColl and Frank Field's Private Members Bill which aims to increase the support available for victims



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- The administrations in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales
- Particularly for those taking a lead on these issues
 - Humza Yousaf MSP, Justice Secretary, Scotland
 - Julie James AM, Welsh Government

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- Members of devolved Assemblies and Parliaments speaking up against trafficking:
 - Joyce Watson AM and the Cross-party group on trafficking in the Welsh Assembly
 - Ash Denham MSP, Rhoda Grant MSP, Jenny Marra MSP, Christina McKelvie MSP



“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Romans 12:21



Pray transformation for



- Those who seek to make money at others' expense – that they would be convicted by God of their wrongdoing and turn away from this life
- Those who exploit, abuse, inflict violence, pain and fear on others – that their hearts would be changed and they would be filled with compassion
- Those who participate in abuse by paying for sexual services – for their eyes to be opened and an end to this behaviour



***“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.”***

Matthew 5:3-5



Thank God



- For stronger laws introduced in 2015
 - Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) (Northern Ireland) Act 2015
 - Modern Slavery Act 2015 in England and Wales
 - Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015
- For the new initiatives introduced through this legislation, including:
 - child trafficking advocates to support child victims
 - appointment of an Anti-Slavery Commissioner
 - a legal right to support for victims in Scotland and Northern Ireland



Thank God



- That Jesus is good news to the poor and freedom to the captive and the oppressed
- That no person or situation is hidden from His sight or beyond the power of His grace
- That in Christ the world has a strong and certain hope
- That the Holy Spirit in His church is more powerful than the evil one



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