

PRAYER GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Human trafficking is a crime which impacts people all over the world. Traffickers often target those who are already vulnerable, socially isolated or simply in need of work.

Often it is the promise of a better life or the chance to earn money which lures people away from the safety of the places they know and the people they love.

Through prevention, protection and partnership, The Salvation Army is working alongside communities to bring human trafficking to an end.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

We believe prayer is one of our most powerful weapons in the fight against trafficking.

This prayer guide is designed to help you learn and pray about the issue of human trafficking, either alone, as a family or a small group.

You can use this resource however you like. Maybe you would like to use it as a daily devotional over a few weeks, or perhaps you want to spread it out over a longer period of time. It's up to you.

TOGETHER, WE CAN RAISE AWARENESS

'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.'

Proverbs 31:8 (NIV)

- Pray for awareness and understanding of the complexities of human trafficking.
- Pray for increased education about the issue of human trafficking particularly in the most vulnerable communities.
- Pray that people will understand the impact of human trafficking globally.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for corps and groups as they discuss this challenging issue.
- Pray for the eradication of the demand for human trafficking through awareness and advocacy.



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TOGETHER, WE CAN SUPPORT SURVIVORS

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.'

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

- Pray for survivors' physical and emotional healing, for restoration and strength to overcome the trauma they have experienced.
- Pray that survivors have access to the resources essential for their recovery, such as counselling and medical care.
- Pray for better income-generation opportunities at home so the drive to leave is lessened.
- Pray for a renewed sense of self-worth and identity for survivors.
- Pray for connected, supportive and understanding communities that will offer survivors love, empathy, and a safe space for healing.

TOGETHER, WE CAN STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE

'From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.'

Ephesians 4:16 (NIV)

- Pray for opportunities for survivors to become advocates and sources of empowerment, using their experiences to bring awareness and support to others in similar situations.
- Pray for the collaboration of communities, law enforcement and organisations to prevent trafficking.
- Pray for the promotion of ethical practices which prevent trafficking from thriving.
- Pray for legal protection for survivors, that they may find justice and that their rights will be upheld.
- Pray that survivors might find ways to gain stability and safety in which to build a positive future.



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TOGETHER, WE CAN STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.'

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

- Pray for continued perseverance and dedication among those combating human trafficking.
- Pray for the provision of funding that anti-trafficking projects and initiatives might thrive.
- Pray for perpetrators, that their hearts will be softened and their minds transformed to recognise and stop their wrongdoing.
- Pray that the leaders of nations will enact and enforce laws that combat human trafficking, protect vulnerable people, and bring perpetrators to justice.
- Reflect on the progress made in the fight against human trafficking and pray for sustained momentum and global collaboration.



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