
TEN DAY PRAYER GUIDE

FOR ANTI-TRAFFICKING
WORK IN YOUR CITY



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uniting for freedom

A tall, white lighthouse with a red top section is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The lighthouse is set against a deep blue night sky filled with numerous stars. The bottom of the image shows a dark silhouette of a building and some trees.

THANK YOU

FOR JOINING US IN PRAYER

*Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all
we ask or imagine...*

EPHESIANS 3:20

Day One

PRAY FOR CULTURAL VALUES TO CHANGE

Much of what drives sex trafficking is the demand. As a culture, we have gone along with "locker room talk" and valued personal fulfillment over another's freedom.

Pornography and the advertising industry have normalized the objectification of women and treated sexual expression as a commodity to purchase.

As the Church, we know God wants so much more than this for both men and women! If we truly want to see exploitation end, we **MUST** address these contributing factors.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Respect & Value of women
- Healthy view of sexuality
- Disgust of exploitation through advertising, Hollywood, & pornography
- Encouragement & Empowerment towards survivors, rather than pity & victimization

Day Two

PRAY FOR SURVIVORS TO ACCESS THE SUPPORT AND SERVICES THEY NEED & BREAK FREE FROM THE STIGMA OF THEIR PAST

- Immediate needs often include housing & basic resources such as food, clothes, & hygiene.
- Longer-term needs include educational assistance, job & life skills, counseling, advocacy, parenting support

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Janus Youth Programs
- Call to Safety
- Lifeworks NW
- Domestic violence and other women's shelters who are unequipped for trauma-informed care

Day Three

PRAY FOR YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS & IN FOSTER CARE

Statistics show that youth in foster care or on the streets are extremely vulnerable to traffickers. Much of this is the result of trauma they experienced before arriving in their first foster care home. Others run away or "age out" of the system at a vulnerable time of life, with few resources. Once on the streets, they find themselves pressured into "the life" in order to survive.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Caring adults & stable mentors
- Protection from deception & exploitation
- Job and educational opportunities
- DHS Workers, who want the best for these kids & often feel underresourced
- Organizations like Embrace Oregon

Day Four

PRAY FOR THOSE CURRENTLY TRAPPED IN A TRAFFICKING SITUATION, THAT THEY CAN FIND A SAFE MEANS OF ESCAPE.

Many trafficking victims were lured into their situation through a romantic relationship with their trafficker. This emotional attachment evolves into a form of manipulation and brainwashing that is hard to break.

Often they do not believe it is possible for them to leave, or they fear (for good reason) that their trafficker will retaliate with violence against them or their families.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Freedom from deception & emotional manipulation
- Positive interactions with law enforcement
- Courage & safety to leave for good

Day Five

PRAY FOR STRENGTHENED FAMILIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Many of the root causes of trafficking can be traced back to broken relationships, particularly within families. Children who grow up in an abusive home or without the love & affection they crave become highly vulnerable to the exploitation of a cunning trafficker. Those who have never seen a healthy relationship modeled to them will not recognize warning signs of a dangerous situation as easily.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The Church to play a role in rebuilding healthy communities & families
- Children to grow up with affection & see healthy relationships modeled
- Those with broken families to find healthy mentors and role models

Day Six

PRAY FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS TO PROTECT VICTIMS

There are many ways to stop trafficking, one of which is legal action. Oregon has passed several important laws in the past few years, but further laws with strong consequences and no loopholes are still needed.

Victim advocacy and consideration is crucial to effective laws that do not have unintended consequences.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Government & Civic Leaders
- Successful enforcement of current laws
- Sufficient advocacy for newly proposed laws
- Organizations like Shared Hope International that work towards policy & legal justice

Day Seven

PRAY FOR THE TRAFFICKERS AND BUYERS, THAT GOD WOULD OPEN THEIR EYES.

As we pray for a culture of respect and value for all, we cannot ignore that this includes those who are involved on the other side--traffickers, customers, and all those who participate in the crime of sexual exploitation. They, too, are created in the image of God and have a long history of brokenness & deception that has brought them to this point. Just imagine how powerful the movement could become with an army of redeemed traffickers & buyers joining the fight!

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Salvation of pimps & traffickers
- Freedom from the deception & addiction that leads customers to buy sex
- Redeemed pimps & "johns" to join the fight!

Day Eight

PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law enforcement officers often have the first contact with victims, yet victims are trained by their traffickers to mistrust and avoid police instead of recognizing help. This creates a difficult problem that many cities are trying to address through better communication and more partnerships.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Accurately recognizing victims
- Providing effective assistance
- Collaboration with community services
- Funding, training, resources
- Safety for both the officers and victims

Day Nine

PRAY FOR GREATER ADVOCACY & AWARENESS

- Schools incorporating effective awareness curriculum
 - Advocates willing to stand up for youth "falling through the cracks"
 - Parents/Guardians educated on warning signs & Prevention
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- A silhouette of a person standing on a hill, looking out over a sunset sky. The person is wearing a hat and a long coat. The sky transitions from a bright orange at the horizon to a deep blue at the top.

PRAY FOR ORGANIZATIONS:

Youth Ending Slavery

Raphael House

The Reality Project, and more!

Day Ten

PRAY FOR HEALING AS SURVIVORS LEAVE A LIFE OF TRAUMA

- For support & resources in the healing process
- For a safe environment where healing can take place

PRAY FOR ORGANIZATIONS LIKE MENDING THE SOUL

- For more groups & leaders in the Portland area
- For the development of new programs & curriculum
- For hearts to be restored & communities rebuilt!

• more ways to pray •

- For those who work "on the front lines" of anti-trafficking work
- For more businesses willing to hire survivors, even with a legal "past"
- For families supporting children in foster care & homelessness
- For more education on the link between pornography and trafficking
- For more men engaged in the fight
- For the Church to UNITE together and take a stand against this injustice!

Visit our resource website at www.abolitionnow.com for many more resources & organizations to pray for!



GOD


Lead us to hear the cry of the
vulnerable and oppressed,
and lead us to see others as
brothers and sisters.

Let us embrace justice & mercy
Grant us humility
supply us with enough faith
to give our lives away,
and bless us with strength when we
grow weary.

Lord, let the knowledge of your love
fuel our commitment,
inform our passions,
stir our gratitude,
and help us transform the world.

For You and Your Glory,
AMEN.

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