



**AWARENESS
TO FREEDOM**
challenging slavery

HOW TO RUN AN ANTI-TRAFFICKING PRAYER EVENT

This document will equip you with information on how to host and lead an anti-trafficking prayer event. Feel free to make it your own; all we ask is that you pray.

FIRST ASK YOURSELF... What kind of event would you like to do? **Here are a few ideas.**

A SMALL GROUP PRAYER TIME. This is a small group of your friends who get together for an hour or so and pray through some of the topics below. If you already have a church group, think about utilizing that.

A 24-HOUR PRAYER RALLY. You can organize an event and invite people to come whenever they are able over a 24-hour time period. We suggest scheduling at least one person per hour. Your focus could be that you are “walking with” a victim for a whole day.

CHURCH OR COMMUNITY EVENT. Take your small group event to the next level. Open it up to the community, do some awareness and lead your community in prayer.

NEXT....

1. PICK YOUR EVENT AND INVITE ACCORDINGLY. Think about utilizing evite.com or facebook events to spread the word.

2. LET FAAST KNOW ABOUT YOUR EVENT so others can find out about it and we can see our reach. Email faast@faastinternational.org

3. GET CREATIVE. Think about activities such as: collaging, watch a movie (i.e. Nefarious), hang maps and pray for the end of human trafficking worldwide, walk through the story of a survivor (on page 4&5), talk about ending demand through buying slave free products, host a fair trade chocolate party, play music and set the mood, provide a space to write or draw on (chalk board) or an art project many people can contribute to. Use your creative juices but most importantly bring this issue to God.

4. PRAY! As long as you do this, your event will be a success!



PRAYER GUIDE

PREPARE YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS

Isaiah 42:22, Leviticus 19:29, Joel 3:3, Isaiah 10:2, Exodus 20:14, James 1:15, 2 Thessalonians 3:5
Pray for knowledge, understanding, wisdom and compassion

PRAY FOR THE VICTIMS

Isaiah 61:7, Revelations 21:1-5, Jeremiah 29:11, Isaiah 58:6
Pray for freedom, justice, hope, peace and healing

PRAY FOR FREEDOM & RESTORATION

Romans 8:20-21, Galatians 5:13-14
Pray for our first responders: police, firefighters, medical professionals, and trauma counselors
Pray for our service providers: lawyers, judges, FBI, therapists, social workers, pastors

PRAY FOR THE ENDING OF DEMAND

Psalms 10, Leviticus 19:29
Pray for the end of pornography, prostitution and strip clubs. If commercial sex stopped sex trafficking would cease to exist.
Pray for the end of labor trafficking. No more slave plantations in Africa because no one is buying slave chocolate
Pray for God to convict the hearts of traffickers and exploiters
Pray for people to see human dignity. Christ's identity in victims

PRAY FOR PREVENTION

2 Thessalonians 3:2-3, Isaiah 41:10, Psalm 121:7-8
Pray for the protection of your children
Pray for single-parent homes and foster parents
Pray for school teachers, bus drivers, children's ministry workers to watch over the children they interact with
Pray for children to have wisdom to see bad situations before they happen
Pray for children who are being abused to report and seek help

PRAY FOR GOVERNMENTS

Isaiah 10:1-2, Psalm 2:10-12
Pray for God honoring laws outlawing the exploitation of people
Pray that laws would be passed stopping the sales of products made from slaves
Pray that world leaders would stand for this cause

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

Isaiah 61:1-3, 1 Peter 2:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5, Ephesians 4:19-20
Pray that the church is a top defender of our children and protector of our communities
Pray for missionaries, pastors and church leaders to gain a heart for this issue
Pray for the church to stand in the gap for the exploited by meeting practical needs: family, love, the gospel, livelihoods, comfort, forgiveness, healing and homes
Pray for the church, its members and leaders, to remain sexually pure - that they not become the perpetrators or consumers of abuse in any form



What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Thousands of men, women, and children are trafficked into forced labor situations and into the sex trade worldwide. Many of these victims are lured from their homes with false promises of well-paying jobs; instead, they are forced or coerced into prostitution, domestic servitude, or other types of forced labor. Victims are found in legitimate and illegitimate labor industries, including sweatshops, massage parlors, agricultural fields, restaurants, hotels, and domestic service.

Human trafficking is different from human smuggling, trafficking is exploitation-based and does not require movement across borders or any type of transportation.

Who are the victims? Who is at risk?

Trafficking victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality. Trafficking victims can be men or women, young or old, American or from abroad, with or without legal status.

Traffickers prey on victims with little or no social safety net. They look for victims who are vulnerable because of their illegal immigration status, limited English proficiency, and those who may be in vulnerable situations due to economic hardship, political instability, natural disasters, or other causes.

The indicators listed are just a few that may alert you to a potential human trafficking situation. No single indicator is necessarily proof of human trafficking. If you suspect that a person may be a victim of human trafficking, please call the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Tip-line at **1-866-DHS-2-ICE (1-866-347-2423)**. You can also report online at www.ice.gov/tips.

To reach a non-governmental organization for confidential help and information, 24 hours a day, please call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-3737-888.

For more information and more training, please visit www.dhs.gov/humantrafficking.

How do I identify human trafficking?

Human trafficking is often “hidden in plain sight.” There are a number of red flags, or indicators, which can help alert you to human trafficking. Recognizing the signs is the first step in identifying victims.

Here are some indicators to be aware of concerning a potential victim.

Behavior or Physical State:

- Does the victim act fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense, or nervous/paranoid?
- Does the victim defer to another person to speak for him or her?
- Does the victim show signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement, or torture?
- Has the victim been harmed or deprived of food, water, sleep, medical care, or other life necessities?
- Does the victim have few or no personal possessions?

Social Behavior:

- Can the victim freely contact friends or family?
- Is the victim allowed to socialize or attend religious services?
- Does the victim have freedom of movement?
- Has the victim or family been threatened with harm if the victim attempts to escape?

Work Conditions and Immigration Status:

- Does the victim work excessively long and/or unusual hours?
- Is the victim a juvenile engaged in commercial sex?
- Was the victim recruited for one purpose and forced to engage in some other job?
- Is the victim’s salary being garnished to pay off a smuggling fee? (Paying off a smuggling fee alone is not considered trafficking.)
- Has the victim been forced to perform sexual acts?
- Has the victim been threatened with deportation or law enforcement action?
- Is the victim in possession of identification and travel documents; if not, who has control of the documents?

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STORIES OF MODERN DAY SLAVERY

Though these name and photos have been changed for the victims protection, both they and their stories are real, and represent the reality for millions of other enslaved people.

SARAH:

Q: Can you give us a brief account of how you were trafficked?

A: I was 15 or 16 and a runaway from [the Department of Child and Family Services]. I had nowhere to go and was young and naive. My first manager was nice, but it got progressively worse by the time I had my third pimp. I kept doing it, because the first [pimp] was not too bad, and I thought I could get back to someone like that. I wanted to leave the hotels, but the other girls threatened me. I had a lot of contact with police, but didn't get away until I had had enough. When I finally left, [the pimps] shaved my head and put me out in the cold of winter with nothing but the clothes on my back. Chicago gets really cold, and I had nowhere to go.

Q: What would you tell an average church attender who wants to get involved in the fight against trafficking?

A: Don't put too much pressure on the survivors. Don't force them back to their previous situations – the ones that led them to the trafficking situation to begin with.

Give them alternatives for their futures. Allow them to be free instead of having to just follow lots of rules and structure. Sometimes that is what pushed them to the trafficking situation.

Q: What has been the most helpful thing that people have said to you?

A: **It wasn't words, but actions. It was the nonjudgmental support,** just being present.

**Story by The Salvation Army*



DATU IS A LABOR TRAFFICKING VICTIM IN FLORIDA who was trafficked from Southeast Asia. Even though he was no longer in slavery he suffered deep bouts of depression and loneliness as he tried and rebuild his life. He had been separated from his wife and daughter for more than 6 years. When his hope and faith was running out, he was introduced to World Relief. When he met the Tampa, FL staff, he said that he felt safe and happy for the first time in years. **“They helped me with my sadness and suffering. I was so happy and relieved. I couldn't stop crying.”** As World Relief began to assist him in meeting his basic needs, he was introduced to a local church to foster a sense of community. As Datu began to build relationships within the church, his focus was on **“the Gospel of God, because God can heal the heart.”** Now, church leaders meet with him regularly to provide spiritual and emotional support. Through the local church, hope and purpose have been restored: **“My life is very short. I want to live my life to give to someone else who might need help.”**

**Story by World Relief*

As the case story below highlights, many factors can create the vulnerabilities that lead to human trafficking. In this example several come together with devastating consequences: the death of a family member, a serious medical condition, lack of proper medical treatment, abandonment, and traditional beliefs.

A THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD VICTIM, AMINATA*, was referred to the World Hope International TIP Recovery Centre in Sierra Leone by local authorities. **Aminata's father was killed in a diamond-mining accident;** her **mother suffers from epilepsy** which is debilitating to her health and quality of life, and has caused her to sustain many injuries due to seizures, including broken teeth. Local belief holds that epilepsy is caused by demon-possession and is contagious. As result, all the family members except for Aminata, who remained to take care of her mother, had abandoned the family. An herbalist was treating the mother, but **when she was unable to pay his fees Aminata was sold into debt bondage to him.** The terms of her bondage **included sex slavery and domestic labor.** Since arriving at the Centre staff has been attending to Aminata's physical and emotional needs, while at the same time, attempting to get medical care for her mother. * *Story from World Hope International*

Angela: Angela is a 20-year-old woman from a small village in Latin America. One of ten brothers and sisters, at a young age **ANGELA LEFT SCHOOL** and abandoned her dream of becoming a writer so that she could contribute to her family's income. Through a friend, she learned of an opportunity to pursue her studies while working in the home of a family who was working in America. **The family promised her that they would support her education.** After months of convincing her parents that this would help their economic situation, **she moved with the family to America.**

The promises that were made to Angela were illusory. For three years, she slept on a mattress in the family's kitchen. **She was not allowed out of the house. She worked twelve hours straight, seven days a week. She cooked, cleaned, cared for two infants and an elderly parent,** and was responsible for all the household maintenance, including preparing large meals for many guests. **Threats of deportation, verbal abuse, and intimidation were constant. She was paid roughly 30 cents an hour.** * *Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force*



WHAT CAN YOU DO

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

1. PRAY

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

2. SUPPORT AN ALREADY EXISTING ORGANIZATION

Every penny counts in the struggle for freedom. Your support matters.

3. GET EDUCATED

Knowledge is power. Allow yourself to be informed.

4. EDUCATE OTHERS

Sharing is easy. Consider some of our suggestions or come up with some of your own.

5. ADVOCATE

Speak, Act, Do... all on behalf of those who cannot.

6. VOLUNTEER

There are a variety of ways that YOU can help!

7. REPORT CASES

If you see something that doesn't look right, report it. 1-888-373-7888.

8. BUY SLAVE FREE PRODUCTS

Support freedom with your purchases. Know where your goods come from.

9. GET YOUR CHURCH INVOLVED

We believe that God has uniquely designed the church to be his avenue for hope and restoration for the world.

There are bible studies, sermons, movies, children's ministry curriculum and much much more. Take your church with you on your mission to end human trafficking.

AN EXAMPLE

Annually, **LIVE2FREE** (a student lead organization at Vanguard University) reach out to their community to **raise awareness and help identify victims**. As students they participate in best practice models of community outreach. One of the most innovative projects targeted walk-in clinics in Orange County. They mapped 85 clinics, spent three days training their team, put together folders with **Rescue and Restore US Health and Human Services anti-trafficking campaign brochures and posters**. Each team was prepared to do a quick elevator speech and emphasize the National Human Trafficking Resources **Center hotline #888.3737.888** or a longer 15 minutes presentation that included the red flags for possible victims. The project included using Rescue and Restore posters in 4 languages, Vietnamese, Chinese, Spanish, and English. The teams called local police departments to let them know that they would be distributing information in their areas the following week. Some of the departments asked for a sample folder and were very encouraging. Many of the front desk staff immediately put the contact card in their Rolodex. The hard part is doing this kind of work without knowing if you actually accomplished anything, especially the first time. So, it was great when we went to the next Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF) meeting and heard the report that the same day we did our first outreach, **within seven hours 2 victims were identified and rescued**. We did our part and then the healthcare professionals did theirs and then law enforcement and victim services did theirs. Live2free has a great reputation of being great collaborators and easy to work with! * *Global Center for Women and Justice at Vanguard University*

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