



**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.

TINA: WHEN I WAS 14, I RAN AWAY FROM HOME to be with a “wonderful guy I met” that was in his mid-20’s. We **had a great plan about us living together, making money together, and becoming rich.** I thought this was everything I had always wanted; until he told me that if I loved him, I would help **make money for us by having sex with men.** By the time I thought I was in love with him, he had given me too much to go back home. I was then introduced to the other women he was pimping, who I hadn’t known about before. That’s what happens with pimps- at first it’s just you and them, but then there were four of us.

We went to Cleveland, OH, and he immediately said I was going to go “out” with the other three women, so they could show me how to make money for “us,” “for all of us together,” as if we were like a family. Later on that evening, his friends that he knew came by the motel. At first he told me to have sex with one of them, and I didn’t want to, **so his friends raped me.** Afterwards he said, “that wouldn’t have happened if I had just listened to him at first.” Right after that is when he picked my clothes out, told me what to wear, and **forced me to go out on the streets.**

When I first went out on the streets, and I had to meet my first John, I felt like this was something I didn’t want to do. I walked around the streets back and forth for hours, hiding, until the morning. Our quota was \$500 but **I had only made \$50 that night which I was forced to give back to the pimp.** So **he beat me** in front of the other girls and made me go outside until I had made the money. This is the same man that took me out to eat, listened to me when I wanted to complain about my parents, and gave me words of advice, but increasingly, I was seeing a side of him that I had never seen before—a brutal side, where **he repeatedly hit me** in front of the other girls to show us all a lesson. Not only was I shocked, I was scared. What would happen to me if I did try to leave, and who would believe me if I told them that this was going on? So I worked from 6am until 10pm that next night, **without food or sleep.** I came back with the \$500, but in his mind, I still hadn’t learned my lesson. So I had to go back outside until 5am the next morning. After the second day he finally brought me something to eat, but as punishment to never do it again **he locked me in the closet to sleep.** *Shared Hope International



THE CASE AGAINST KIL-SOO LEE: Kil-Soo Lee, a Korean businessman, recruited primarily women from China and Vietnam **to work in his garment factory** on the island of American Samoa for 1998 until the factory closed in late 2000. Kil-Soo Lee **used employment contract fees and penalties to trap workers into remaining with the company.** He kept workers locked in the factory compound, **withheld food as punishment** and authorized violent physical retaliation for resistance on the part of workers. In February 2003 Kil-Soo Lee was convicted of criminal charges of involuntary servitude, extortion, and money laundering. * *Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force*

CORA LOST HER PARENTS at a young age and went to live with her aunt in a rural village in Sierra Leone. **By 11 years old, Cora was married off to an older village man for a few Leones.** The man would come to Cora’s house to have sex with her at scheduled times each week. **By the age of 12, Cora was pregnant.** When it came time for Cora to deliver the baby, her aunt would not take Cora to the hospital, and left her lying in pain for three days waiting to give birth. Finally, the baby was stillborn, and Cora was left paralyzed from the waist down with a huge hole in her birth canal created during the delivery. For six months, Cora was left in isolation while her aunt waited for her to die. When she finally made it to a local clinic, physicians declared Cora to have one of the worst cases of fistula they had ever seen. Surgery was immediately done to correct Cora’s condition, but she still could not walk or use her arms. **Cora was returned to her family, where she remained in a fetal position, paralyzed and hopeless, until the World Hope International staff at the WHI Sierra Leone Anti-Trafficking shelter stepped in to help.**

Cora entered the shelter program with little expectation to walk or use her arms again. WHI staff, however, worked tirelessly stretching and exercising Cora’s limbs. One month after Cora entered the shelter, she took her first step. **The joy in the shelter that day was palpable – one who could not walk was healed – all because WHI staff had stepped in to rescue and restore a young girl who had been forced into labor, raped and abandoned by the world around her.**

* *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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