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Prayer Guide

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VICTIMS

O Lord my God, in you I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers, and deliver me, or like a lion they will tear me apart; they will drag me away, with no one to rescue.

Psalm 7:1-2 NRSV

O God of deliverance, defender of the weak, our hearts break over those who are victims of trafficking. We pray that those who are caught in the cycle of violence, that you would restore their identity and self-worth. Create mistakes in the plans of the traffickers, that doors would be opened for release where victims can be rescued and given hope. Open our eyes that we will see those around us, that we may offer hope and a release from despair. Move us to action in your name, that you may release victims into your freedom. Amen.

TRAFFICKERS

Break the arm of the wicked and evildoers; seek out their wickedness until you find none. The Lord is king forever and ever; the nations shall perish from his land. O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more.

Psalm 10:15-18 NRSV

O God of revelation, show traffickers a way out of their lifestyle. Convict their minds and hearts of the evil in which they participate. Liberate them from their lifestyles of persecuting others, offer to them a way to deliver, rescue, and free others. Bring them to justice, lead law enforcement to find them and take them out of their positions of power over people. Shine into their dark hearts, that they may see the evil they perpetuate and that their hearts may turn to your will. Amen.

CUSTOMERS

And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

John 3:19-21 NRSV

O God of transformation, change the hearts of those who are customers of sex trafficking. Release them from the bondage of addiction and commercialism. Convict their hearts, that they would see the sin of their ways and instead work with law enforcement to stop human trafficking. Bring them into encounters with you, that they would humble themselves and seek help and healing. Amen.

GOVERNMENT & THE CHURCH

Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31:8-9 NRSV

O God of justice, speak in and through those who lead in our city, state, and nation. Protect and defend those who speak for those without a voice. Help them stand for policies and actions that will work to end this practice of modern slavery. Give us the courage to speak out against the crime of human trafficking. Show us ways that we can shine light into the darkness of this trade, defend the weak, and deliver those enslaved to sin and evil. Guide us to walk humbly in your will, love your living kindness, and do justice in your name. Amen.