



40 DAYS FOR
freedom
Pray and fast to end slavery

February 13 – March 30, 2013

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Introduction

As followers of Jesus, we worship a God who loves justice and who will free the enslaved. God has called us to “seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, and plead for the widow” (Isaiah 1:17). Join us on a 40 day prayer journey as we seek God on behalf of human trafficking victims for rescue, restoration, and hope.

We will follow the Lenten calendar, which lasts 40 days in commemoration of the 40 days which Jesus spent fasting in the desert before the beginning of his public ministry. We will pray from Ash Wednesday (February 13) until Easter Eve (March 30); Sundays are excluded and practiced as days of rest. The traditional purpose of Lent is to prepare the believer through prayer, repentance and fasting, for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. During these 40 days will be align ourselves with victims of slavery, seeking God for their freedom and restoration.

This booklet has been prepared as a guide so you can pray specifically each day and also grow deeper in your understanding of modern-day slavery.

Proverbs 31:8-9

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

*⁹Speak up and judge fairly;
defend the rights of the poor and needy.*

Freedom for the Enslaved



Day 1 :: February 13

There are 27 million slaves in the world today – more than any other time in history. Pray that the chains of those enslaved would be loosed and that all victims would be set free! As we enter into prayer and fasting, pray for God’s blessing and protection upon all who are participating.

Day 2 :: February 14

There are an estimated 600,000 to 800,000 people trafficked across international borders annually. Pray for protection for these children, women, and men who are being bought and sold at this very moment. Pray that countries would work together to combat trafficking through their borders.

Day 3 :: February 15

Approximately 80% of human trafficking victims are women and over 50% are children. Pray for law enforcement and non-profit organizations – that they would have the support and means necessary to regularly conduct rescue operations to bring freedom.

Day 4 :: February 16

There are more than one million children entering the sex trade every year globally and approximately 30 million children have lost their childhood through sexual exploitation over the past 30 years. Pray for an end to their sexual abuse and exploitation.

Day of Rest :: February 17

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Restoration for Survivors



Day 5 :: February 18

There are nearly two million children who are being commercially sexually exploited worldwide. Approximately 80-90% of all women in the commercial sex industry are victims of childhood sexual abuse. Pray that God would bring freedom, healing, and renewal for each of their lives.

Day 6 :: February 19

Many organizations that rescue trafficking victims are also providing job training skills so that the survivors have a means of income. Pray for training and education to provide survivors of human trafficking with meaningful and productive livelihoods.

Day 7 :: February 20

Emergency shelters and long-term healing centers are challenging to open and maintain due to financial and legal constraints. Pray for as many safe and secure shelters as are needed to provide for the physical, medical, spiritual, social, and emotional needs of survivors.

Day 8 :: February 21

Many survivors of trafficking have never been a part of a loving and caring family. Pray for godly caretakers to provide comfort and a sense of family.

Day 9 :: February 22

In order to convict a trafficker, their victims are often required to testify against them – a frightening and threatening experience for them. Pray for courage for victims to testify against perpetrators.

Day 10 :: February 23

The Gospel message of Jesus holds the power to change the hearts and minds of people and to bring complete restoration to the brokenhearted. Pray that the message of Jesus will sweep the earth, healing hearts and bringing people to life spiritually.

Day of Rest :: February 24

Deuteronomy 10:18

He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.

Root Causes



Day 11 :: February 25

Human Trafficking is a 32 billion dollar industry. There is a high demand for sex and inexpensive products in our country. But if there was not a demand, there would not be a market to buy and sell human beings. Pray that God would protect our hearts from greed and evil. May world leaders confront slavery and exploitation by dedicating their time and energy and national resources to eradicating it.

Day 12 :: February 26

Sexual trauma is unique from other forms of trauma, as it violates the most intimate and personal aspect of the self. One's own body becomes the setting in which the atrocities are perpetrated. Pray for the demise of the pornography and adult entertainment industries worldwide.

Day 13 :: February 27

Pimps and traffickers prey upon those that are young and do not have a strong family support system. The average runaway will be approached by a pimp within 48 hours of being on the street. Pray for the protection of at-risk youth, runaways, and those in foster care.

Day 14 :: February 28

Trafficking survivors face depression, lack of self-esteem, increased anxiety, fear, and being stigmatized by their communities. It is extremely challenging for them to re-assimilate and it puts them at risk for being re-trafficked. Pray that through local organizations and various media outlets, a clear anti-trafficking message would emanate and be taken up by villages and communities worldwide.

Day 15 :: March 1

Pray that God would stir the hearts of CEO's of the world's largest corporations. May they look closely at their supply chains and choose to purchase only from slave-free sources.

Day 16 :: March 2

International victims of trafficking are often subjected to debt-bondage – they are forced to pay off transportation fees from their destination countries at interest rates of up to 1000%. Their lives and the lives of their families back home are threatened; they are afraid of local law enforcement. Pray for their protection and for fair wages for people working worldwide.

Day of Rest :: March 3

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?

Global Issues of Slavery



Day 17 :: March 4

Children are trafficked through West Africa and forced to work on cocoa farms that produce chocolate. Pray that leaders in the chocolate industry would choose to purchase fair trade cocoa, ensuring that slave-labor is not used in their products.

Day 18 :: March 5

Slave owners often hold entire families for generations in bonded slavery such as rice mills in India or brick factories in Pakistan. Pray for their rescue and that the next generation will tell a story of freedom from slavery and freedom in Jesus.

Day 19 :: March 6

Poverty plays a major role in the modern-day slave trade. Individuals from poor backgrounds are subject to the lies of traffickers promising them a job and a better life abroad. In other instances, poverty contributes to families choosing to sell a child to a trafficker to pay off a debt. Pray that legitimate jobs and sustainable development projects would be initiated in communities that are vulnerable to trafficking.

Day 20 :: March 7

In many countries girl children are devalued, even unwanted. This makes girls extremely at-risk for trafficking. Pray that

women and girls would become valued in the same way men and boys are in all societies. Pray for their protection from those that would prey upon their vulnerabilities and exploit them.

Day 21 :: March 8

The giving or sale of children as a house slave is practiced in various cultures around the world. In Haiti, restaveks are children forced to work for families; they are often abused and have no opportunity for education or to escape their situation. Pray for the freedom of children such as these and for an end to societal practices that exploit children.

Day 22 :: March 9

Uneducated women in impoverished and war-torn countries are vulnerable to promises of a better life overseas. Pray for education and legitimate forms of business to be made available to these women. Pray for missionaries that are working to educate girls.

Day of Rest :: March 10

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Freedom for All

Prayer for Traffickers, Pimps, and Johns



Day 23 :: March 11

The demand for sex fuels the demand for slaves. Pray for God to convict the hearts of traffickers, pimps and “johns” (customers) and to transform their lives. May they receive a radical revelation and may they cease to abuse, torture, buy, sell, and force girls to have sex.

Day 24 :: March 12

For some countries, sex tourism is one of their largest industries. Foreigners flock to these countries to prey upon children and women. Intercede on behalf of these victims, that laws would be put into practice that protect the vulnerable from sexual exploitation in these countries and that foreigners who travel there to commit crimes would be tried and convicted back home.

Day 25 :: March 13

Addiction to sex and pornography contributes to the trafficking of girls and women into the sex industry. Pray for the men with these addictions – that their hearts would be convicted and they would stop and seek help.

Day 26 :: March 14

Women are traffickers and often buy, sell, abuse, threaten, and coerce girls into the sex trade. Pray for madams of brothels and massage parlors that they would recognize the evil they are participating in.

Day 27 :: March 15

The San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles is the “porn capital” of the world; nearly 90% of all legally distributed pornographic films made in the United States are either filmed in or produced by studios based in the San Fernando Valley. Pray that women would not succumb to the tactics of producers and that those in the adult entertainment industry would understand their value.

Day 28 :: March 16

The internet has become the new marketplace for trafficking in children. The child sex industry is growing even as fewer prostitutes work the streets. This is because of the anonymity, relative safety, ability to easily lie about age, and low cost of using the internet to set up appointments and transactions. The

internet has also allowed child sex trafficking to expand not only in large cities, but across the mid-west and into rural areas of the country. Pray for a ban on internet pornography and sex tourism internet sites.

Day of Rest :: March 17

Luke 4:18-19

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

Slavery in our Backyards



Day 29 :: March 18

According to CIA estimates, as many as 15,000 to 17,500 men, women and children are trafficked into the U.S. every year. These victims are forced into the sex trade or other labor industries including agriculture, factories, restaurant work, even nail salons. Pray for the veil of darkness to be pulled from the eyes of the unaware, that we would be able to identify victims.

Day 30 :: March 19

California, New York, Texas and Nevada are the top destination states in the U.S. California is a hub for human trafficking due to: proximity to international borders, number of ports and airports, an integrated transportation system, and a large economy that includes industries that attract forced labor. Pray for the commitment of the California government to bring relief to victims and to prosecute human traffickers.

Day 31 :: March 20

Immigration agents estimate that 10,000 women are being held in brothels in Los Angeles. This does not include the thousands of victims in domestic work, sweatshops or other informal industries. Pray that all Southern Californians would be made aware of modern-day slavery, the signs to look for, and how to report it.

Day 32 :: March 21

Los Angeles is one of the top three points of entry into this country for victims of slavery and trafficking. The diverse communities of this sprawling city make it easier to hide and move victims from place to place, making it difficult for law enforcement to locate potential survivors. Pray that awareness would be raised in immigrant communities to free victims of slavery and that their urgent social, economic, health, and spiritual needs would be compassionately met.

Day 33 :: March 22

Girls trafficked into prostitution are often forced to travel with their pimps through "The Circuit" or the "Prostitution Pipeline" that runs through California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, up to Vancouver and even west to Hawaii. Pray that these girls would be able to build relationships with trusting adults or law enforcement agents so they might find freedom.

Day 34 :: March 23

Sweatshops exist in the garment industry of Los Angeles. Pray for an awakening to come to American consumers – that we would not care more about the products we are purchasing than the people making them.

Day of Rest :: March 24

Psalm 82:3-4

*Defend the weak and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.*

*⁴Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.*

Mobilizing the Church



Day 35 :: March 25

Jesus came to set people free – free to live an abundant life and an eternal life with God. Ask God to unify the faith communities, so they may express the fullness of the love of Christ and empower their congregations to be voices of hope and instruments of freedom for the enslaved.

Day 36 :: March 26

Thousands of people around the world work or volunteer with churches, Christian missions, non-governmental organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the media to bring freedom to those enslaved. Ask God to protect them, give them wisdom and strength, and encourage them to continue fighting to abolish slavery.

Day 37 :: March 27

There are 132 million orphans around the world. Orphans and children without strong family support are easy targets for traffickers. Pray that many people, especially Christian families, would choose to adopt or foster children.

Day 38 :: March 28

Christian missionaries and aid workers have been on the front lines of the battle against modern-day slavery since the beginning of this abolitionist movement. Pray that the Church worldwide would continue to rise up and lead the way in the fight for freedom.

Day 39 :: March 29

Traffick Free Pomona (TFP), a ministry of PFB Church, is committed to ending slavery in the Inland Valley through awareness, prevention, and restoration. Pray that the members of TFP would receive strength, fortitude, wisdom, integrity and vision so they can fulfill the call of God to end trafficking and exploitation in Pomona.

Day 40 :: March 30

As we conclude 40 Days for Freedom, remember that God has heard our cries and will answer our prayers (Matthew 18:18-19). Read this Franciscan Blessing and pray that God will continue to speak to you about how you can be involved in the fight against modern-day slavery.

Four-Fold Franciscan Blessing



May God bless you with discomfort. Discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger. Anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears. Tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

May God bless you with foolishness. Enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.



Thank you for joining us through 40 Days for Freedom. Prayer is the strongest weapon we have in the fight against this evil, and we pray confidently, knowing God has heard and will answer our prayers (I John 5:14-15). Please share your experience with us (tamikoc@pfblive.tv) – we would love to learn how God has used this time to influence your journey with Him.



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