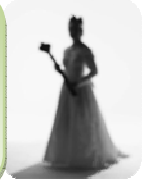


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*"And who knows but that you have to a royal position for such a time as this?" Esther 4 vs. 14b*



## WOMEN praying with other WOMEN for WOMEN across the world

We call on all Christian women around the world to take at least 15 minutes every Tuesday morning to pray. We encourage you to mobilize as many women as possible to pray, individually or in groups. Take a few minutes to ponder & pray at each point of the guideline below & be open to intercede as the Holy Spirit leads.

You are welcome to forward this e-mail to as many Christian sisters as possible. Please send us the name of the town and the country in which you reside & let us know what God is doing in your nations! You are welcome to e-mail us with prayer requests and testimonies. If you did not receive this e-mail directly from us, but would like to, feel free to send your e-mail address to [info@hadassahwatch.org](mailto:info@hadassahwatch.org)

We believe that God has called us as women, to intercede like never before, for His plans and purposes to be accomplished here on earth. Let us not slumber, but pray and call others to pray - for His Kingdom to come...

## PONDER THIS... What is "human trafficking"?

*"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians  
I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high." Lev 26:13*

Trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. Each year an estimated 700,000 to 1.5 million people worldwide fall victim to international traffickers. These victims, predominately women and children, are forced into unpaid labour, debt bondage, coerced prostitution or sexual servitude, often under the direction of international organized crime rings. The trafficking of human beings is the third largest source of profit for international organized crime, after drugs and arms, with revenue amounting to billions of dollars each year. <http://www.gerhardinger.org/english/jpicsen/jpictraffickingeng.htm>

The months preceding the Soccer World Cup in South Africa - the world was once again being made aware of human trafficking. It is the fastest-growing criminal industry in the world, Girls as young as 10-11 and older, are usually used as sex workers, and can have anything from 10-20 clients every 24 hours. Many of them are made drug addicts by force so that their owners can control them. Often young girls and even boys are sold by their family for a small amount of money. It is estimated that during the Soccer World Cup in 2006 in Germany, 40,000 sex workers were imported from other nations. This type of human trafficking destroys millions of lives every year. Despite more than a dozen international conventions banning slavery in the past 150 years, there are more slaves today than at any point in human history. Slaves are those forced to perform services for no pay beyond subsistence and for the profit of others who hold them captive through fraud and violence.

*There are still 11 days of the Soccer World Cup left -Pray for God's protection over all possible victims of human trafficking in areas where there is a lot of activity - especially in the vicinity of the Soccer World Cup stadiums. Pray for more people to join in prayer against human trafficking worldwide - and if possible, to reach out to those involved in human trafficking, both the sex workers and syndicate leaders. Pray for detailed legislation that will give the police a legal right to deal with this type of violence against women and also against young boys. Pray for human trafficking to be exposed so that it is brought to the attention of the public and public awareness of what is happening is increased. Pray for the church to reach out to victims of human trafficking with sensitivity and great compassion. [http://www.global24-7.org/downloads/1276075319\\_human\\_trafficking.pdf](http://www.global24-7.org/downloads/1276075319_human_trafficking.pdf)*

## NATIONS - What is the scale of human trafficking worldwide?

*"Their heart cried out to the Lord, "O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night;  
give yourself no relief; give your eyes no rest. Arise, cry out in the night at the beginning of the watches;  
pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him  
for the life of your young children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street." Lam. 2:18-19*

Men, women and children are trafficked within their own countries and across international borders. Trafficking affects every continent and most countries. Every country is affected by human trafficking, whether they are an origin country where people are trafficked from; a transit country where people are trafficked through; or a destination country where people are trafficked to. Often a country will be all three. Men, women and children are trafficked. Due to the hidden and illegal nature of human trafficking, gathering statistics on the scale of this problem is difficult. The majority of trafficked victims arguably come from the poorest countries and poorest strata of the national population. (*A global alliance against forced labor, International Labour Organisation, 2005*) Types of recruitment; include abduction, false agreement with parents, sold by parents, runaways, travel with family, orphans sold from street or institutions. Eleven countries score very high as countries of origin for trafficking victims. The countries are Belarus, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation and Ukraine (Commonwealth of Independent States), Albania, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Romania, China, Thailand, and Nigeria.

Belgium, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Thailand, Turkey and the United States are countries ranked "very high" as destination countries of trafficked persons <http://www.stophetraffik.org/humantrafficking/problem.aspx>

*Resource materials for the local churches are available and major projects of churches, in cooperation with taskforce members facilitating, are currently taking place in Eastern Europe, India, Canada, and Australia. Pray for a wider awareness in churches about this matter and for the distribution of these materials. Human trafficking across international borders requires cooperation and collaboration between countries if it is to be tackled effectively. Pray for such structures to be raised to combat crime.*

## FAMILY - How Women and Children are Trafficked?

A young girl in Russia is promised a good job in France as a child care worker, ends up in Germany as a brothel worker. A child in India is abducted from his parents' home and taken to work in a carpet factory hundreds of miles away. A young girl in Thailand is sold by her parents to work in the big city, is forced into prostitution, and trafficked to Tokyo. A young 7 year old boy in the Sudan is captured by marauders and made to live with herd animals for 10 years in servitude to a local family. A young Mexican man is captured at the U.S. border and forced to work in agriculture in Florida or in construction in Iowa, or in prostitution in Los Angeles. A Moldovan woman is promised restaurant work and is trafficked via Ukraine to Turkey for prostitution. A West African woman asked by her aunt to come to the U.S. on a domestic worker visa, is on call 24 hours a day, abused and never allowed to leave the household. [http://www.nmci.org/news/news\\_items/trafficking.html](http://www.nmci.org/news/news_items/trafficking.html) Traffickers typically lure women to the U.S. with false promises of jobs as waitresses, nannies, models, factory workers, or situations with severely curtailed freedoms. Women are prevented from leaving by security guards, violence, threats, debt bondage, and/or retention of documents. The traffickers maintain control through isolation; in many cases, the women must live and work at the location. The women may also be denied outside medical assistance when needed. Once recruited, the women usually find themselves being threatened with physical abuse against themselves and/or their families in order to force cooperation. Traffickers also play upon the women's fears of arrest and deportation. In additional cases, trafficking victims suffer extreme physical and mental abuse, including rape, imprisonment, forced abortions, and physical brutality. <http://www.iast.net/thefacts.htm>

*Pray that God would protect families from human trafficking. Pray that children and women abducted from their families will be reunited with their families. Pray that God would raise up people to reach out to trafficked and prostituted women by offering them rescue from their bondage and shelter and care where they can be restored through the love and hope of Jesus Christ. Pray that the church worldwide will be activated into their role as intercessory abolitionists, partnering with the Heart of God for the freedom and deliverance of His sons and daughters trapped in the cycle of human trafficking, sexual exploitation and brutality. <http://www.exoduscry.com/philanthropy/international-field-work/world-cup-2010>*

## TESTIMONIES

As we pray, God intervenes! Here are some encouraging testimonies! In Athens, Georgia, USA, God moved as this community prayed 24/7. An Asian massage parlour, which was believed to be a front for human trafficking, closed down unexpectedly and a Mexican man was indicted and pled guilty to trafficking young girls from Mexico to Atlanta for prostitution. In Kansas City, Missouri, USA, for five years, a bright red brick building, right next door to the Kansas City Boiler Room, housed a porn shop called 'Naughty But Nice'. While it has been out of business for some time, the building itself was razed to the ground the week after they prayed. To them this destruction felt symbolic of God's heart. Another story comes from a prayer network in the USA. The week after these communities prayed, national news reported that 52 children were rescued in a nationwide Sex Trafficking raid. Whilst the 24/7 Reading community prayed in Reading, UK, a man from their area was arrested on suspicion of human trafficking, for sexual exploitation and controlling prostitution for gain. The headlines read: Arrests follow sex trafficking probe. God answered their prayers! Last year in one of the townships in South Africa, the police reported an upsurge in prostitution, domestic violence and other types of sex-related violence against young girls and women (in the specific township). A bishop in the community guided some 2,000 kids to pray for a week, 2 hours a day for 5 days. By the beginning of the next week, the police reported a 70% drop in cases being reported. Prayer against human trafficking in South Africa has increased with the Soccer World Cup and on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2010, Police rescued 21 Thai women believed to be human trafficking victims from an alleged brothel in Kempton Park. Police acted on a tip-off early in the morning that the women, who range from 23 to 27 years old, had been trafficked and were being sexually exploited in Kempton Park. The women had all been in South Africa for less than a month. A South African woman was arrested for operating an illegal brothel. The Thai women's passports were recovered alongside cash and a small amount of heroin. <http://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/Hawks-bust-human-trafficking-ring-2010053>  
[http://www.global247.org/downloads/1276075319\\_human\\_trafficking.pdf](http://www.global247.org/downloads/1276075319_human_trafficking.pdf)

*Thank the Lord for all the above testimonies. Thank the Lord for "Exodus Cry" -a prayer movement to end slavery. Thank God for all people and organisations involved in working to abolish human trafficking. Pray for supernatural ways of deliverance for the victims of human trafficking across the world.*

**How can you become involved or help?** Start praying, with others if possible. Make a point of finding out what is happening in your country and do the necessary research before submitting your children to organisations, e.g. modelling agencies, au pair agencies etc. Become involved in projects at your church and 'donate' some of your time and expertise to those in need.

**Be blessed as you pray & spread the good tidings of the gospel of Jesus Christ!!!**

Psalm 68 vs. 11 *"The Lord gives the command; the women who proclaim the good tidings are a great host..."*

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