

Anti-Human Trafficking Resources – Responsive Prayer

Woman 1 (Jenny)	My name is Jenny. I was 15 years old and living with my family in Mexico when I first met him. He said I was like a daughter to him. He said he wanted to help me finish school. He said he would give me a chance of a better life. When I arrived at his apartment in the city things were obviously not what he said. He said I didn't have the right paperwork. He said I couldn't leave. He said I had to do whatever he asked. He forced me to do things I did not want to do. He used me. He took money from other men so they could use me too.
Man 1 (Kryzstof)	My name is Kryzstof and I come from Poland. I saved up to come to England to work but I couldn't find a job and soon I had no money left. I was desperate. I was at a soup kitchen in London when they recruited me. They said they had work. They said they would pay cash in hand - £50 for a days labouring. They said they would give me a safe place to sleep. They said I would have food to eat and money in my pocket. They told me lies. They gave me nothing. They beat me. They threatened to kill me if I complained. They said they would hurt my family. They made me afraid.
Woman 2 (Kerketa)	My name is Kerketa. I am 41 years old and come from a village in central India. Times were hard for my family. We were so poor and my husband could not find work. She said she could get me work as a maid in the city. She said I would earn enough to support my husband and children. She said she would look after me. She said she would help me. She did not speak truth. She made me work in places I did not recognise. Her agency took all my earnings. She worked me hard. She did not even tell me when my husband and father died. I did not know where I was. I did not know anyone in the city. I did not know what to do.
Woman 1	He said.....
Man 1	They said.....
Woman 2	She said.....
All	But Lord, YOU said 'I am come that you might have life, life in all its fullness'
Leader	Today we bring before you those who know nothing of fullness of life. We bring before you the innocent victims of human trafficking represented in the stories we have heard here.
Men	We pray for all those whose lives are determined by the will and greed of others - those who are bought and sold for commercial gain, those who have been deceived with empty promises.
Women	We bring before you all those who feel trapped – those who don't know what to do, who don't know where to turn, who don't know who to trust.
All	Because YOUR word and YOUR promise is for them also - you have come that THEY might have life, life in all its fullness.
Leader	Today Lord, we pray for these, our brothers and sisters who have been hurt and damaged, who have been bought and sold.
Men	We yearn for the day when all peoples of the world will know fullness of life.
Women	We yearn for the day when all peoples of the world will know respect, love, dignity, and freedom.
Leader	Lord, we pray, hasten the day.
All	In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Anti-Human Trafficking Resources – Small Group/Children’s Prayers

Take some time to cut out the flower shape below. As you work, think of people who need to experience freedom – from whatever it is that binds or controls them. You may know people by name, or you may have learned about other situations that concern or worry you. On the petal of each flower, write the initials of the person’s name or draw something that represents your concern. Fold the petals along the dotted line so that your writing is hidden.

Place the folded flower in a shallow tray of water (just enough to let it float). As you watch, the petals of the flower will gradually open and your writing will be revealed. Use the watching time as a praying time – praying for those people and situations before you, lifting these concerns to God. Use music or words from scripture to focus the praying. Close with a spoken prayer.

Children can be encouraged to draw their prayers or colour in the petals of the flower (if you use water soluble felt pens, the colours will gradual swirl into the water). The unfolding flower holds their attention!

