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PRAYER RESOURCE

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PRAYER IN A SERVICE

VOICE 1: Our Father in heaven,
VOICE 2: Creator God, you see everything that is hidden. We lift up to you those living in slavery whom society has forgotten.

VOICE 1: Hallowed be your name,
VOICE 2: Let your name, and your church, be the light that shines on those who are hidden in slavery. Help your people to raise their voices in unison against this crime.

VOICE 1: Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
VOICE 2: As you promised in Isaiah, release the shackles of the enslaved, and bring freedom to the captives.

VOICE 1: Give us today our daily bread.
VOICE 2: Grant hope to those who are being controlled by others and cannot see a way out. Keep them safe from abuse, and give them the courage to seek help.

VOICE 1: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
VOICE 2: Forgive us for the times we have forgotten about our brothers and sisters living in slavery, and closed our eyes and ears to their suffering.

VOICE 1: Lead us not into temptation
VOICE 2: Guard the hearts and minds of those who would be tricked into slavery by false promises. Protect them from people who would do them harm.

VOICE 1: But deliver us from evil.
VOICE 2: Bring those who perpetrate this crime to justice, and prevent it from happening again.

ALL: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS

FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

Lord of the lost, we pray today for all those who are victims of human trafficking: people lured from their homes and families; people deceived while trying to find a better life; people who are desperate to trust anyone. Help us to be more vigilant and watchful; to be aware of those who may need our help, and those who do not know where help may lie.
Amen

FOR TRAFFICKERS

Lord of changed hearts, we pray today for those involved in trafficking and human slavery.
We pray that in their heart of hearts they know that what they do is evil.
We pray that they will give up the lures of money, greed, control and repent the harm they have done and the suffering they have caused.
Amen

FOR ALL WHO WORK AGAINST MODERN SLAVERY

Lord of creation, we thank you for all who are working to combat modern slavery: for governments and agencies, for Church and other faith leaders, for charities and individuals. Help us to be part of love's movement, to work for a world where human beings are valued, free to come and go, where no one is enslaved, no one used against their will for another's pleasure or need.
Amen

REFLECTIVE PRAYER THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHS

In this section, we invite you to look at some photos and imagine the stories that could be behind them.

Photographers notice things that other people do not see.
The images they capture can often tell stories.

Each of the three photos below come with some information which is included with the photo. We ask to you to go further and imagine what else you might have done in the same situation to find out the story behind the photo. What might the photographer of the first picture have found out if he wasn't in a rush? What do you think the second photographer found out about the woman back at the studio? Was the woman in the third photograph really working for free in return for bed and board?

We are not suggesting that any of the subjects were indeed victims of trafficking. But how can you tell? How can you find out the truth about people's lives?

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Photo by KamrenB Photography on Flickr

“This was taken during a border town visit. My dad and I were in a rush to get back into Thai territory when this girl appeared. I had a 75-300 zoom on my 600D and this was snapped while walking by. This shot almost didn't happen. I'm glad it did because many people I show this to have an emotional response.”

- Have a look at this picture
- Give the child a name
- Imagine her story. Why is she there?
- What would you say to her?
- Who could you talk to about her situation?
- What future would you like her to have?

Photo by alessandro isnotaurello √ on Flickr

“We bought the hooker and took her to our studio…”

- Have a look at this picture
- Give the woman a name
- Imagine what her story might be: where is she going? Who is she meeting?
- How would you feel about talking to her?
- How could you find out about whether she was a victim of trafficking?
- Whatever her story, what sort of future would you like her to have?

Photo by Neils Photography on Flickr

“This lovely lady is forever indebted to the family I stayed with in Toraja. Many years ago, she found herself in serious trouble. Without a home and without a job, she begged to have a place to stay and food. In return, she promised she would help the family in home duties for the rest of her life. This lady was doing the cooking, cleaning and shoving away of children for the family funeral house.”

- Have a look at this picture
- Give the woman a name
- Imagine you found her working for nothing in someone’s home. What do think her story might be?
- How would you feel about talking to her?
- How could you find out about whether she was a victim of modern slavery?
- Whatever her story, what sort of future would you like her to have?