

EXODUS  CRY

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THE WORLD CUP

A 31 DAY PRAYER GUIDE

2010

DAY 1. National Focus: South Africa

The Issue: The eyes of the world have turned to South Africa for the World Cup. Thousands of fans have descended upon the cities of South Africa for sport, vacation, and fun. Yet, behind the veil of sport and tourism is a billion dollar industry exploiting the weak and satiating the lusts of thousands of men. This human trafficking industry is not only enslaving women and children in systematic rape; it is enslaving men in idolatry and self-gratification. The praying church must stand in the gap and cry out for the justice of Jesus to be released in this hour, in this nation.

Prayer: Father of Glory, the enemy has come in like a flood to steal, kill and destroy the lives of Your sons and daughters. Raise up a standard against him and flood this nation with righteousness. We exalt the name of Jesus over South Africa. Father, glorify Your Son in this moment and release a testimony of freedom and deliverance that the nations would see the glory of the Lord. **Bible Verse:** Isaiah 59:19; Isaiah 52:10

DAY 2. Baal Perazim: “The Lord who breaks through”

The Issue: The chains of trafficking are heavy, and strong. No amount of legislation or money will pierce the heavy demonic darkness that fuels global slavery.

Prayer: Baal Perazim, God of the breakthrough; rend the heavens and come down on behalf of the weak. May all who defile and oppress these victims of human trafficking, tremble and shake at the righteous breakthrough of Baal Perazim. **Bible Verse:** II Samuel 5:20

DAY 3. Magen: “Shield” The Lord is a shield

The Issue: During the World Cup, thousands of children are on holiday. Left unsupervised, many are wandering to the stadiums and tourist areas out of curiosity or to earn money. These unattended children are particularly vulnerable to kidnapping, trafficking, and exploitation.

Prayer: God be a shield around them. Hedge them in and guard them from the enemy who is a prowling lion seeking whom he may devour. May no child fall into the net of the wicked one. Set Yourself as a shield about them, that they would be undetected by the workers of the enemy. **Bible Verse:** Psalm 3:3 and Psalm 18:30

DAY 4. Omniscient: “All-knowing” God is all knowing.

The Issue: Law enforcement in South Africa has been working tirelessly leading up to the World Cup to implement and enforce restrictions against human trafficking. Yet cloaked in darkness and corruption, still thrives. Finding these victims can often be like finding a needle in a haystack. Law enforcement needs divine guidance and insight to help prevent and stop human trafficking.

Prayer: Lord, you are omniscient, the one who knows all things. Give guidance to local law enforcement. May they move efficiently, with divine insight, into the camp of the wicked and bring deliverance to many who are caught in this cycle of human trafficking. Raise up deliverers in law enforcement to call prisoners forth from their chains. **Bible Verse:** Psalm 130:1-6

DAY 5. God is the Head of the Church

The Issue: Many churches and ministries are actively raising awareness about human trafficking and reaching out to those being exploited through illegal trafficking rings. The church is the Lord's primary means of establishing His Kingdom on the earth and administering true freedom to these captives. A unified body, with Christ as the head, can operate in its different faculties and functions to establish His Kingdom on the earth.

Prayer: Jesus, you are the Head of the Church. Unite the body of Christ, under Your leadership, to work together to raise awareness and intercede for those who have no voice. We ask for

the manifold wisdom of God to be released throughout the church in South Africa.

Bible Verse: Ephesians 1:22-23

DAY 6. Palat: “Deliverer”

The Issue: Trafficking is driven by organized crime, and the efforts to combat it are often underfunded. Unless God breaks in, slaves will not be freed.

Prayer: Jesus you are the mighty deliverer. You are faithful to deliver all who call on Your name. May the name of Jesus be on the tongue of every person being exploited, that at the mention of Jesus, the name above all names, deliverance would come speedily. We, as the church, join in with the cries of the broken and abused and say, “how long, O Lord?” How long until you bring deliverance to these ones whom You died for? **Bible Verse:** Psalm 18:2

DAY 7. City in Focus: Johannesburg

The Issue: Johannesburg is the largest city in South Africa and the economic center of the country. With the largest airport in the nation, Johannesburg is the gateway into South Africa and the transit point for slaves en route to Durban, Capetown, and other cities. It is through this city that most traffickers will bring their victims into South Africa to then take them throughout the nation.

Prayer: Jesus, Name above all names, we lift up Your name above Johannesburg, the gateway into South Africa. You who hold the keys to this city, open doors that no one can shut and shut doors that no one can open. We ask that You would divinely order the traffic into and out of this city and uncover the works of darkness that are funneling slaves through O.R. Tambo International Airport and in this city. **Bible Verse:** Isaiah 22:22

DAY 8. Father of Glory

The Issue: An estimated 40,000 children have been trafficked as of January 2010. There is also an estimated 1.4 Million AIDS orphans in South Africa alone.

Prayer: Father of Glory, would you come down from Your Holy habitation and be the father to the fatherless. You love and care for each one of these children. Visit the orphaned and the oppressed and reveal Your father heart to them. **Bible Verse:** Ephesians 1:17, Psalm 68:5

DAY 9. Jehovah Jireh: “The Lord Will Provide”

The Issue: Many times women are driven into prostitution because of poverty. Hunger is a harsh taskmaster, and many times a woman will sell her body before she watches her child starve.

Prayer: Jehovah Jireh, You who provide. Stretch out your hand and meet the needs of those who have little access to resources. You own the cattle on a thousand hills. Oh give the wealth of the nations to the widow and the orphan, we pray!

Bible Verse: Genesis 22:14

DAY 10. City in Focus: Port Elizabeth

The Issue: Port Elizabeth, situated in the Eastern Cape Province is a popular stop for World Cup fans; and wherever matches are being played, there is an active and underground sex industry nearby. No city is exempt from the presence of traffickers who lurk in the shadows, ready to meet the demands of the masses of men in search of sex.

Prayer: Father of Light, shine brightly in Port Elizabeth. Darkness is as light to you and there is no sin, no work of the enemy that will remain hidden in the presence of Your holiness. Bright and Morning Star, shine brightly in this city. May many experience Your love that melts the hardest heart and Your freedom that breaks the strongest fetters. **Bible Verse:** Matthew 10:26

DAY 11. Jehovah-Sabaoth: “The Lord of Hosts” The commander of the angelic host and armies of God

The Issue: Human Trafficking is exploitation of the weak and behind the physical bondage of these individuals is a demonic oppression whose spiritual chains are weightier than the strongest chains of man. This is a battle that must be fought in the place of intercession and won in the heavenlies.

Prayer: Jehovah Sabaoth, Lord of Hosts, You who command the host of heaven, dispatch Your heavenly armies to the aid of those being exploited during the World Cup. We cry out to You, O Mighty Man of War, drive back the enemy from his work of iniquity. We declare the victory of the Lord of Hosts over the broken. Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One and vanquish Your enemies. **Bible Verse:** Revelation 19:11-16

DAY 12. Gaol: “Redeemer” The God who buys back by paying a price

The Issue: Through the dehumanizing act of being purchased for sex, prostituted and trafficked women and children are repeatedly exploited as sexual objects. In context, it is almost impossible for them to understand their value as anything other than a sex object. But an ultimate price has been paid through Jesus Christ and the work of the Cross. This price was paid as an act of eternal love to redeem and restore the broken, and adorn them with the royalty of being a child of God.

Prayer: Jesus, our Redeemer, You paid a price for each one of these women and children. They know not their true value and worth as Daughters of the King. They do not understand that their life was worth Your death and that all their pain and iniquity was bore at the Cross. Oh, Mighty Redeemer, would You buy these women and children back from the enemy and rescue them from the fowler's snare. **Bible Verse:** Job 19:25

DAY 13. El Roi: “God of Seeing” The God who opens our eyes.

The Issue: When the football matches are over each day, thousands of fans will take to the streets, bars, and clubs to experience the nightlife of South Africa. Many men will see prostituted women of South Africa selling themselves on the streets, as willing participants ready to make money. What they will not see is the months of brutality these women have faced as their will is broken down and they are resigned to their life of captivity and exploitation. They will not see the beatings they incur if they do not make their nightly quota or the pimps and traffickers hovering just around the corner. They will not see the mental and emotional chains that bind them to that which is destroying these women.

Prayer: El Roi, the God who sees and opens the eyes of men. Open the eyes of men whose appetite for sex only allows them to see a woman as a sexual object and not as a daughter of the Most High God. Remove the veil from their eyes and allow them to see women rightly. Give them new eyes to see exploited women as the mothers, sisters, and daughters that they are. **Bible Verse:** Genesis 16:13

DAY 14. City in Focus: Durban

The Issue: Durban serves as the largest port in South Africa and the largest city in the Kwa-Zulu- Natal Province, which has the highest AIDS rate in the nation. As one of the larger cities hosting the World Cup, the demand for sex will increase in this city along with the flood of people arriving for the matches. The high demand for sex combined with the epidemic rate of HIV/AIDS in this province is a volatile scenario.

Prayer: Pour out Your spirit in Durban, and set it as a city on a hill in South Africa. In an area

rampant with the plague of AIDS, break in with light and send a spirit of revival through the streets. Jesus, reveal Yourself as All-Consuming Fire to the people of Durban – a living flame of love that melts the hardest hearts. May holiness and purity be Your banner over Durban.

Bible Verse: Hebrews 12:28

DAY 15. Kadosh: “Holy One”

The Issue: This nefarious evil (human trafficking) is a godless practice that combines the depths of demonic evil with the height of man’s pride. The revelation of Christ is the only solution.

Prayer: Jesus, you are the Holy One, reveal yourself to these victims of human trafficking. Shine the light of your countenance upon them that You may dwell in their hearts through faith. May they know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge; that they would be filled with all the fullness of God. **Bible Verse:** Isaiah 40:25

DAY 16. Jehovah-Tsidkenu: “God our Righteousness”

The Issue: Like any social rights issue, it is easy for this issue to break down into “us vs. them” or “good vs. evil.” But none of us have the moral high ground because none of us are righteous before the Lord.

Prayer: Jehovah-Tsidkenu, You are the Lord who loves righteousness and hates wickedness. We all have fallen short but through Your Son, Jesus, we are made righteous. We ask that you would uphold a standard of righteousness during this event. **Bible Verse:** Romans 3:23, Psalm 45:7

DAY 17. Eyaluth: “Strength”

The Issue: Traffickers exploit the weak, the defenseless, and the powerless.

Prayer: Eyaluth, You are Strong. When these vulnerable ones are weak You are their strength. Stretch out Your mighty right arm and bring strength to those whose dreams and youth are dying in the backrooms of South African brothels. Thunder from heaven and show Yourself strong on behalf of the weak. **Bible Verse:** Psalm 22:9

DAY 18. Emmanuel: “God with us”

The Issue: Victims of trafficking experience profound feelings of isolation, their only human contact coming from their captors and their “clients.”

Prayer: Emmanuel, You are with these women and children. There is nowhere they can go that Your hand can’t reach them, that Your eyes can’t see them, that Your presence can’t touch them. You who are with them in their time of trouble, send the fullness of Your presence into the physical and spiritual prisons of these captives. **Bible Verse:** Isaiah 7:14

DAY 19. Jehovah Rohi: “The Lord is our Shepherd”

The Issue: Trafficking victims are surrounded by wolves; not only are their captors against them, but many times police forces and corrupt governments officials add to their fetters.

Prayer: Jehovah Rohi, You are the Great Shepherd. Come alongside those who are trapped and have nowhere to turn. Comfort them with Your rod and staff, as they walk through the valley of the shadow of death. Lead them to Your table. **Bible Verse:** Psalm 23:1

DAY 20. King of Kings and Lord of Lords

The Issue: Many organizations, ministries and churches have been working tirelessly leading up to the World Cup to bring awareness to the issue of human trafficking and prevent the innocent from falling prey to traffickers.

Prayer: Jesus you are King of Kings and Lord of Lords, anoint the works of these organizations

seeking to prevent trafficking, mobilize awareness, and rescue victims. We declare that no work of the enemy, no principality, and no oppressive spirit can stand in the light of Your glory. May these organizations go forth as light bearers and messengers of justice to bring the freedom of Jesus, to traffickers, men buying sex, and women and children caught in the cycle of exploitation. **Bible Verse:** Revelation 19:16

DAY 21. The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

The Issue: At the root of human trafficking is human sin. Mankind cannot rid society of this evil through social reform. We need revival and repentance at every level.

Prayer: Jesus, cause the nations to behold You as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins to the world. Release widespread revelation of Your power to forgive and heal that the cycle of exploitation would be ended. **Bible Verse:** John 1:29

DAY 22. City in Focus: Pretoria

The Issue: Pretoria houses the Executive office of South Africa and is the administrative center of activity in the nation. Decisions are made in Pretoria that effect the lives of people across South Africa; may a righteous standard the exalts the highest King, Jesus Christ, be upheld in the government offices of this city.

Prayer: Father, Glorify Your Son in Pretoria, raise up a righteous standard that exalts the highest King, Jesus Christ, in this city and in this government. May executive decisions made from this city bring justice to the oppressed. **Bible Verse:** Psalm 2

DAY 23. Lion of Judah

The Issue: The Enemy is relentlessly seeking to steal, kill, and destroy as many women and children as he can during this global event.

Prayer: Jesus, you are the Lion of Judah, who prevails over all wickedness and unrighteousness. Break in and tear down the plans of the enemy and set many captives free. **Bible Verse:** Revelation 5:5

DAY 24. Bright Morning Star

The Issue: As fallen sinners, our hearts are desperately wicked; they are deceitful above all things. We are faced with the blackness of darkness and eternal separation from God forever without our Lord Jesus Christ. Those forced into lives of systematic abuse, prostitution, and human trafficking face the same horrifying fate.

Prayer: Jesus, our magnificent and brilliant Lord, like the sun shining in its strength – raise up a praying church to contend for souls and the ending of human trafficking. Release the unction, power, authority, and strength to be messengers of light. **Bible Verse:** Revelation 22:16

DAY 25. Kanna: “Jealous”

The Issue: Throughout the Word Cup, many things such as soccer, sex, and money will be glorified over God.

Prayer: God, Your name is Jealous. Break in and tear down everything that exalts itself above Your name. Let Your name be glorified above all! **Bible Verse:** Exodus 34:14

DAY 26. Bridegroom

The Issue: Victims of trafficking are engulfed in a hopeless nightmare that destroys every vestige of their humanity.

Prayer: Jesus, You are the great Bridegroom. You have declared over every woman trapped in sex trafficking, Hephzibah, “the Lord delights in you,” and Beulah, “the Lord is married to

you.” Reveal this love and delight to their hearts today. **Bible Verse:** Isaiah 62:5

DAY 27. Jehovah Shalom: “The Lord our Peace”

The Issue: At the heart of prostitution is a war on women. From the fall in the Garden there has been enmity between women and Satan, and men too often are on the wrong side of the fight.

Prayer: Jehovah Shalom, May Your abiding peace reign in the hearts of women caught in the vortex of this ancient war. Lord of Peace, comfort their hearts with a peace that passes understanding.

Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 27:6

DAY 28. City in Focus: Cape Town

The Issue: Cape Town is the second largest city and most popular tourist destination in the country. South Africa has one of the highest wealth disparities in the world, and the ever-widening gap between rich and poor is most evident in Cape Town. Poverty is a predominant factor when it comes to human trafficking. Traffickers prey upon the weak who lack access to resources and education and find themselves in desperate need of finances.

Prayer: Justice and Righteousness are the foundations of Your throne. Establish Your throne in Cape Town and do justice to the fatherless and oppressed. Arise, O Lord, King forever, stretch out Your hand in this city and establish righteousness in Cape Town. **Bible Verse:** Psalm 10; Psalm 97:2

DAY 29. Jehovah-Nissi: “The Lord our Banner”

The Issue: Slaves are marginalized, abandoned, and forgotten people. Rarely will governments acknowledge that slavery is a problem, and freed slaves are often rejected by their own families and hometowns.

Prayer: Jehoah-Nissi, You are the Lord our Banner. You have heard the cries of the prisoner saying “Who will show us any good?” Lord lift up the light of Your countenance upon them. Place Your banner of peace and safety over them. **Bible Verse:** Psalm 4:6-8

DAY 30. Jehovah-Rophe: “The Lord Who Heals” God heals body, soul and spirit.

The Issue: Few could imagine the ongoing brutality that victims of human trafficking face. Many are forced into a lifestyle of systematic and ritualistic abuse and rape, the damage this leaves on an individuals’ body, soul and, spirit are unimaginable.

Prayer: Jehovah Rophe, the Lord who heals; Release Your healing and restorative power in the body, soul, and spirit of these women and children. Heal their bodies from the scars and disease of repeated rape, their souls from the memory of tormenting abuse, and their spirit from the onslaught of lies about their identity and future. You who heal, minister the healing Balm of Gilead to each one of Your precious sons and daughters in Jesus name. **Bible Verse:** Exodus 15:26

DAY 31. Jehovah Shammah: “The Lord is There”

The Issue: In dark back alleys, dingy brothels, and smoke-filled clubs many trafficked and exploited women and children feel abandoned, forgotten and without hope. In Psalm 139, the Bible says “If I make my bed in hell, behold You are there.” The trafficked women and children in South Africa are not forgotten or alone. The Lord is there, with them in their trouble, He alone is their hope and future.

Prayer: Jehovah Shammah, You who are there. Draw near to the oppressed and let them feel Your presence, and the zeal that is in Your heart for them to know You. Speak words of life over them, that they are not alone, for You are there with them in their trouble. **Bible Verse:** Ezekiel 48:35

The 2010 FIFA World Cup is the first World Cup to be held on the continent of Africa. This is a historic opportunity for the world to witness and experience the beauty, culture, and industry of the Republic of South Africa. But there is a dark side to this event – the demand for sex that will come from the thousands of fans flooding into the country. To meet this demand, organized crime groups are trafficking in as many as 40,000 women and children to be exploited in the sex industry during this 31-day global event.

This prayer guide is a strategic tool to unify the body of Christ in intercession during these 31-days of heightened trafficking activity. Each day we are looking at a name or characteristic of God and declaring it over this issue, the perpetrators, and the victims. Though the groaning of the prisoners has too often failed to reach the ears of men, their cries have been heard in the courts of heaven. Let's partner together with the heart of God over this issue. Use this resource in your private times of prayer, in small group prayer, or in your church. Thank you for engaging with us in intercession during this hour of crisis.

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