

## Freedom Sunday Prayer Guide on Labour Trafficking

### Poverty and lack of job opportunities is a major cause of labour trafficking.

Pray for the economies and societal structures of the countries where people are forced to accept conditions that put them at risk of labour exploitation and fall victim of labour trafficking. Pray that corruption may cease; that decision makers have wisdom and zeal to want to intervene where exploitation occurs and that those who enable trafficking on societal level would be held accountable for the misuse of their countries' resources and unjust treatment of people.

*"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

- 1 Timothy 2: 1- 4

### Lack of accountability allows for exploitation to continue.

Pray that those, whether individuals or companies, that exploit people for their personal gain would be held accountable and want to act in truth. Pray for such laws to be put in place and reinforced that prevent and make prosecution possible. Pray for sufficient resources for law enforcement to be in place so that intervening is made possible by authorities. Pray for an increased awareness and willingness globally so that companies and governments that exploit need to take action; for due diligence laws to be put in place increasingly so companies need to report on their supply chains and for any misuse to be brought to light.

*"When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices; when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy."*

- Proverbs 11:10

*"...seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." – Jeremiah 29:7*

## Transformation of Local Communities.

Pray for the individuals that are vulnerable and seek employment; for information to reach them on their rights and on the risks of trafficking; for the creation of training, education and work opportunities to make a difference in transforming communities and individual lives so people would not be pushed to seek and accept risky opportunities away from home. Pray for the churches, NGOs and development efforts that aim at community development and the provision of opportunities in vulnerable communities.

*And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." Luke 10:25-27*

## Hope and restoration is found in Christ and in the Church Community.

Pray for those that are victims of trafficking; for help to reach them and for strength to carry on without losing their hope of a better tomorrow. Pray for the victim identification systems and authorities to have proper training and knowledge about situations of labour trafficking; for the victims to be treated justly and cared for. Pray for our societies; that on individual and institutional level people become aware of the impact their purchasing choices have on the lives of millions that work in unethical and exploitative conditions. Pray that the church grows in their awareness of the vulnerable people in their communities and is moved to action to bring the good news and be a welcoming, loving family for those that suffer as the Body of Christ.

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10*

*"Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, I will now arise," says the LORD. "I will protect them from those who malign them." - Psalm 12:5*