

January 30 – February 8, 2021

10 days of Prayer and Fasting

Calling all Prayer Warriors. For the next 10 days, As an EnJewel Advocate, we ask that you fast and pray for those who are being Human Trafficked and to help pray for their rescue. But for those who have been rescued, we ask that you pray for their complete transformation and healing.

For Fasting, we do this to represent those who are trafficked and have not been given meals or are having to do as their johns have asked them to receive a meal. It is no life to live – and is an atrocity to humanity. Fasting is to include water, fruit or vegetable juices, broth and mornings can include a fruit and/or vegetable shake to provide the necessary proteins and vitamins. Please heed to your health conditions – we appreciate you being an advocate but want you to stay as healthy as possible.

Prayer and scripture. Some have begun on January 11th – which is Human Traffic Awareness Day. January is Human Traffic Prevention Month. (May use prayer calendar that begun on January 11 or use the schedule below) We end the month of January with prayer and fasting and will continue for 10 days til February 8th – International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. You can use the attached calendar to help you for prayer.

The prayers and focus are taken from the 30 Days of Shared Hope's Prayer – Fighting on Bended Knee.

Day 1: January 30, 2021 Saturday

"For this reason I kneel before the Father...I pray that our of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being...I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together...to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ..."

Ephesians 3:14-21

Prayer Focus

We grieve for the women and children in countries who have been subject to human trafficking and sexual slavery through the acceptance of their own culture, including the USA. We must also lift up the hundreds of children who have been enslaved and sold into sex slavery through their cultural or religious customs, such as being forced into temple prostitution. We trust the Lord is stronger than the darkened cultures of our world, and can bring a miracle of peace, deliverance, and freedom for those trapped in them. Our faith is in "Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine..."

A prayer you may pray:

Lord, every nation of the world belongs to You and is under Your authority. You have told us though, that there is a spiritual struggle in the heavenly realms between forces of evil and angels of light. I pray today for all the world to be freed from the oppression of the demonic spirits that have laid claim to countries and territories. Bring them knowledge of You, the True God, and the freedom that comes from knowing You! Amen.

Day 2: January 31, 2021 Sunday

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 14:27

Safety and security are two of our basic needs, which is probably why the Lord spoke so often about resting our cares and troubles in His hand and finding peace in our faith in Him.

Prayer Focus

- Pray for the peace of the service providers—to not be afraid of those who would try to interfere with their work, nor would they worry about provision.
- Pray for the peace of the prosecutors and law enforcement—any threats against their families for the work that they do.
- Pray for the peace of survivors—those who would try to harm them physically, mentally, emotionally, or spiritually.

A prayer you may pray:

Today I lift up to You all those professionals and advocates who are involved in helping sex trafficking survivors escape their circumstances. It may be a physical escape brought about by a law enforcement officer. It may be a judicial escape through a court that expunges a criminal record for acts done while being victimized. It may be emotional and psychological escape from reliving the trauma experienced. May all these allies and survivors experience Your peace. Amen

Day 3: February 1, 2021 Monday

"God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy..."

Psalm 68:6

God places the lonely in families. What a beautiful promise! Many are familiar with loneliness. Wishing for a friend, family member, or spouse who can provide a warm smile, a comforting hug, a gentle word. Traffickers know that we're built for relationship and commonly use this to exploit victims. Traffickers may promise friendship, romance, or family but instead supply violence, control, and manipulation. Today's prayer focus is that God will supply a healthy response to a very healthy desire—family!

Prayer Focus

- Pray that survivors who do not have healthy family relationships or friendships would find them.
- Healing to family of survivors so that they may one day have reconciliation.
- Joy for survivors in the freedom that they now have.

A prayer you may pray:

The family was Your idea, God, to give us a place to belong and to be accepted. Certainly, You knew that model would be disrupted very early in the world You created, and would never be perfect. Nevertheless, thank you for families that are healthy. Thank You for families that are sometimes dysfunctional, but still work. Thank you for families who have adopted or taken in foster children who are so vulnerable to trafficking. Bring reunion and reconciliation to survivors and their families. And provide a family within your body of believers for those who have none. I pray all this in Your great name! Amen.

Day 4: February 2, 2021 Tuesday

"He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as He hears it, He answers you. And though the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it,' when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left."

Isaiah 30:19-21

What a comfort to know that God immediately responds to our pitiful cries to Him. Sometimes those cries are in response to the anguish we feel when we suffer or when we see the suffering of others because we just cannot understand the why? Yet His response is not an explanation; rather it is simply assurance that He will guide each step of the way through the adversity.

Prayer Focus

- To trust God when I don't understand what He is doing and why.
- To have eyes that notice signs of His guidance and ears to hear His instruction moment by moment.

A prayer you may pray:

Lord, over the last few days I've been praying to be obedient to Your instructions and trust in Your good purpose for me individually and for those I love and care about. I continue to pray that I trust in the goodness of Your sovereign will, because honestly, it is sometimes hard to believe...especially when I see the suffering caused by human trafficking. I know You understand and forgive my inability to see things as You see them. Help me to trust You more.

Day 5: February 3, 2021 Wednesday

"He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me for they were too mighty for me. They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support. He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted me."

Psalm 18:17-20



The favorite ploy of traffickers is to seek out those in the day of their "calamity." This brings to mind the many vulnerable children that become separated from their families during a natural disaster or children that daily experience the calamity of abuse in their own homes and run away in desperation, only to be confronted by something even worse.

Prayer Focus

- May the strong arm of God protect children all over the world from those too mighty for them to resist.
- May those in captivity be brought out from the darkness into a broad place where there is air and light and freedom.

A prayer you may pray:

God, I think that sexual exploitation is the ultimate calamity for a child. For that child, the calamity continues to live inside the spirit and soul as self-blame, guilt and shame. Please free children everywhere from ever experiencing such abuse; free those who have been victims from the devastating effects of the trauma—physical, emotional and spiritual. I thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Day 6: February 4, 2021 Thursday

"We know that all things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also made certain they would be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."

Romans 8:28-29



Reading verse 29 sheds a light on how God uses all things that happen in a Christian's life to work out His good plan for that individual believer to be made more into His image. That good plan may be temporal, spiritual or eternal, or all of these things; our trust is in the all-knowing and all-powerful God.

Prayer Focus

- For the humility to recognize that His ways are not my ways. He will bring about freedom and restoration in His perfect timing.
- For faith to trust His plan for each individual life.

A prayer you may pray:

Lord God, you gave humans the ability to love you because You first loved us. You gave us the ability to reason and analyze our circumstances— to keep us safe, to process information, to assess situations, to guide us to good decisions and much more. I am thankful for that ability, but I need Your help to believe that Your hand is above all my circumstances…indeed, Lord, help me to trust that Yours is the mighty and benevolent Hand that guides everything in the lives of those who ask for Your help. Amen

Day 7 February 5, 2021

Friday

"Have I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

It's not just a suggestion; it's a command. The command is repeated often in the Old Testament—the Lord's words are echoed by David to Solomon and again by Jehoshaphat to the Israelites. What a comfort to know that the Lord my God is with me wherever I go.

Prayer Focus

• I can't obey this command without help. Help me to be strong, courageous, unafraid, and undismayed.

A prayer you may pray:

Oh dear God...You know me. I don't really need to tell you this: In the natural I am neither strong nor courageous nor unafraid! I can't be any of those things unless You equip me! Thank You for directing my attention to so many of the Psalms such as 121 that remind me YOU are that source of courage. Amen.

Day 8 February 6, 2021 Saturday

"O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

2 Chronicles 20:12

All of us in the battle against sex trafficking have felt powerless in the face of the great assault of pornography and sexual perversion on our culture, yet the Lord's response to this plea, found in verse 17, is moving and encouraging: "Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them and the Lord will be with you."

Prayer Focus

• Remind me that my powerlessness is an opportunity to rely on the all-powerful Lord.

A prayer you may pray:

God, thank you for the many examples You have given us in the Bible of situations where You assured Your desperate follower to "be still and know that I am God." You seem to love to show up suddenly and powerfully when Your child is facing insurmountable odds. Today I stand in total and humble agreement with You—that Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen!

Day 9 February 7, 2021 Sunday – Super Bowl Sunday

"I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears...the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping. The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer."

Psalm 6:6-9 (excerpt)

David wrote this Psalm at a time when his safety was threatened. He was no stranger to severe danger, and neither are trafficked victims. Research indicates that trafficking victims can face Post Traumatic Stress Disorder because of the intense, prolonged period of danger and fear they endure during their trafficking experience. Danger eagerly awaits them at the hands of a violent pimp, aggressive buyers, and even law enforcement agents can elicit fear for victims.

Prayer Focus

• Praying sex trafficking victims who are still in bondage, or still suffering, will have assurance that the Lord hears them and will deliver them.

A prayer you may pray:

It weighs heavily on my heart God, when I picture these young people caught in that filthy trap. He or she may not know You yet, but You tell us that knowledge of you is imprinted on every heart. Based on that truth, I pray that from deep within the soul of every person still in bondage—whether or not he or she consciously knows You-- they will call out to You in their day of trouble. Bring them out of prison that they may give thanks to Your name! Amen.

Day 10: February 8, 2021 Monday

"Guard me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from violent men who have planned to trip up my feed. The arrogant have hidden a trap for me, and with cords they have spread; beside the way they have set snares for me."

Psalm 140:4-5

Children are the targets of traffickers who use deliberate deceptions designed to entrap them. Many naively step into the trap and too late realize they didn't choose, but were chosen. Helpless to resist the violence and abuse, the only way to survive is to submit. This is why Shared Hope produced our awareness resource for young people <u>Chosen</u>—to keep more vulnerable children and youth from being snared.

Prayer Focus

• The protection of vulnerable young people from the lies and deceptions of traffickers.

A prayer you may pray:

Heavenly Father, You are the good, good Father. You have warned us that Satan is the evil Father of Lies. Lies are his native language and he whispers those lies through sex traffickers who prey on the vulnerability of immature, confused, and needy adolescents. He promises heaven, and then delivers them into a hell on earth. I pray that You, Lord will protect them and open their eyes to deception before the trap is sprung.



There is a power in united voice in prayer.

Pray with your family and friends. Pray for the voiceless.

When seeking understanding and praying when you hear something such horrid and you need to know the words of your heart –

Oh God! I can't un-know this either! I want to stop it but feel so helpless in the face of such an enormous evil. I feel that anything I have to give is insignificant. Clear my head of these untrue thoughts. Jesus honored the widow who gave her last penny because she gave all she could; help me understand what you want of my talent, my time or my treasure and reassure me that it pleases You.