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SEND TO A FRIEND

## For an end to the Evils of Trafficking Prayers of people

Almighty God, Judge of the nations and Protector of the helpless,  
we come before you today to ask for vision and courage and strength  
as we witness in your Name against the evils of trafficking.

We pray first for the **victims of trafficking**, especially women and children, whose lot is slavery and whose future is despair.  
As you rescued Susanna from a cruel fate at the hands of the elders,  
so rescue the enslaved in our day and restore their rightful dignity as your beloved creation.

Leader: ï¿½Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!

People: ï¿½Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.ï¿½

We pray for **those who traffick in human lives** that they may know at first hand the wrath of God and, knowing it, may fear God and turn from their wickedness and live.

As you touched and transformed the heart of John Newton with your amazing grace,  
so break through the barriers of greed and indifference and let their evil be turned to good.

Leader: ï¿½Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

People: ï¿½How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!ï¿½

We pray for **the exploiters** whose relentless demand for forced labor and commercial sex spells doom for the innocent in many lands.

As you brought judgment on Babylon, the great city,  
so let your righteous will frustrate all who take part in this unholy trade.

Leader: ï¿½Fallen, fallen is the great city; for its sins are heaped as high as heaven.

People: ï¿½God has remembered its iniquities; for mighty is the Lord who judges.ï¿½

We pray for **our governments** who, having made a start, are left with much yet to do for the voiceless and wretched of the earth.

As you moved Abraham Lincoln to act on behalf of the enslaved,  
so move our leaders to respond with conscience and compassion in this moment of testing.

Leader: ĩ½Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

People: ĩ½Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdomĩ½s goal.ĩ½

We pray for **the religious leaders** in all our communities that they may bear a bold and faithful witness to discomfort and challenge those who rest easy in the face of evil.

As you moved the prophets of old and raised up Sojourner Truth to bear her witness,  
so call forth prophets at the heart of our nationĩ½s life that the impossible may be done in your strength and the undreamed of become real.

Leader: ĩ½God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power.

People: ĩ½Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.ĩ½

We pray finally **for ourselves and for all people of compassion and goodwill** that we may respect the dignity of every human being, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

As you have brought us out of error into truth and out of sin into righteousness,  
so by the witness of many bring the victims of trafficking out of death into life and rid the great city which is our world from these evils at work among us.

Leader: ĩ½Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

People: ĩ½Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore.ĩ½

*Amen.*

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