

KOREA

FREEDOM

The Lord has freed Korea to fast the fast that he chooses: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke and to let the oppressed go free (Isaiah 58:6).

GRACE

The Lord gave power to the apostles who shared the gospel of grace, and "great grace was upon them all" (Acts 4:33)—a grace that he may grant to Korea and every nation that asks in the good fight against injustice.

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Jesus taught that those who abide in his word are truly his disciples. As those who have been set free by the truth (John 8:31-32), the Church may act in the power of the Holy Spirit to diligently deliver the message of eternal freedom to the world.

HONOR

The Church has been called to honor God not only with our lips but with our obedient living (cf. Matthew 15:8). Those who know God are those who obey God's commands—not neglecting justice, mercy, faithfulness (cf. Matthew 23:23)—giving him all honor as we strive to do them. When we act against injustice, may we honor God.

THE CHURCH

PRAYERS ARE LAYERS OF BLESSINGS

This guide does not aim to be comprehensive in scope or exclusive in approach. It is an attempt to pick out a few key truths based on Scripture that we, as the children of God, may pray for ourselves and for those who cannot pray for themselves.

Let the content give you ideas about how to pray, but follow the Spirit's leading. The Spirit intercedes for us (Romans 8:26-27). As a Church, let us agree with the good and perfect plan that God is working out already. Let us walk in faith in such a way that our continual prayers and our obedient way of living might ascend as a memorial before God (Acts 10:4).

PRAY IN FAITH, PRAY WITH AUTHORITY

In the name of Jesus Christ, let us pray in the Spirit in the fight against injustice. We pray to our sovereign Lord who has won the victory.

REMEMBER THAT THE BATTLE IS SPIRITUAL

In 2 Corinthians 10:3-4, it is written,

"For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds."

And Ephesians 6:12-13 states,

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

HOW TO
USE THIS
PRAYER
GUIDE

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PRAY FOR FREEDOM

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szabadság 自由 özgürlük
ةيرحلا **saoitse** **libertà**
Freedom
Freiheit **libertate** tự do la **libertad**
sloboda เสรีภาพ
uhuru la **liberté** 자유
חופש **LIBERO** kalayaan

VICTIMS of EVERY INJUSTICE

those who are victims of any form of injustice, including human trafficking, forced labor slavery, sexual exploitation and/or violence, illegal seizure of property and illegal detention

those who have escaped or who have been rescued and seek healing, provision, education or legal work, and chances to re-enter former/new communities

those who are now able to help locate other victims for rescue or bring perpetrators to justice

those who are families or friends of victims

OPPRESSORS

those who are perpetrators of injustice, including slavers, traffickers, and those who assist them in the global slave trade

those who seek and use the direct services of slaves - cases in which their activities are hidden and cases that are known by the local community

those who (unknowingly or knowingly) consume products or services of slave labor

HUMAN AUTHORITIES & INFLUENCE

those in a position to actively support, allow, abolish, or in another way address injustice

families, communities, consumers

governments, judicial systems, legislative systems, police enforcement agencies

technology and communications providers, healthcare providers, tourism industries, media, entertainment industries, transportation services, schools, research institutions, businesses, non-profit groups, global networks, financial institutions

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God's word declares that when victims of injustice cry out to the Lord in distress, he will answer by setting them free (Psalm 118:5). He is the only Sovereign (1 Timothy 6:15), making him the only one with power and authority to truly free anyone. There is no abolitionist like Jesus Christ and no freedom like the freedom he secures.

FAITH

God knows every victim and every injustice they suffer. By faith, each victim may know God and the "breadth and length and height and depth" of his love for them (Ephesians 3:17-18). By faith, each may trust in the Lord to fulfill every promise that he makes (2 Chronicles 6:15)—promises of adoption as a child of God, healing, peace, provision, reconciliation, and eternal purpose.

CALLING OUT LIKE JONAH

WHEN HE WAS TRAPPED AND COULD NOT ESCAPE

"I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me... When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple... Salvation belongs to the LORD!"

FROM JONAH 2:2, 7, 9

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As much as for every victim, God has made it so that any perpetrator of injustice who believes in him "receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:35, 43). All souls are the Lord's, and he has no pleasure in the death of a single one; he extends freedom to all doers of injustice and desires for them to "turn, and live" with a new heart and a new spirit (Ezekiel 19:4, 31-32, cf. Amos 5:14).

LOVE

God loved the world—including every oppressor—and so sent his Son to save it (John 3:16-17). By genuine love, evil can be overwhelmed by good in every oppressor's life (Romans 12:21) and each one, made in God's image, can begin to look more and more like Jesus. When controlled by Christ's love, we live for him (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

CONFESSING LIKE DANIEL

"O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled... [L]et your anger and your wrath turn away... [W]e do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act.["]

FROM DANIEL 9:4-5, 16-19

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Those who have authority or influence have been freed by Christ from slavery to evil ways and slavery to tacitly consenting to injustice. The goals of attaining "riches and honor and life" are reached by "humility and fear of the LORD" (Proverbs 22:4). By grace, all with leadership and power may freely seek these blessings in this way.

HOPE

No matter how great the apparent loss or failure that may come to a person or a group trying to do good, those who hope in the Lord will not be put to shame (Romans 10:11). There is hope in all authority being in the Lord's hand (cf. Proverbs 21:1).

PRAYING AS JESUS TAUGHT US

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.["]

FROM MATTHEW 6:9-13