

O P E R A T I O N **PRAYER ZONE** *Prayer Target*

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January is Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness month.

Human trafficking is a wicked scheme against the beauty of God's creation. Pray that trafficking exposed so that the sin stops and victims are rescued and healed.

For information on what you can do, go to:

<https://www.aglow.org/ministries/anti-human-trafficking>

Human trafficking includes both forced labor and sex trafficking. Labor trafficking is where victims are forced to work for little or no pay. It can look like a sweatshop making every day goods. It can also look like an individual who has paid to legally enter a country and work a normal job, only upon arrival to be stripped of their documents and informed they are an illegal immigrant, working a different job than promised. Sex trafficking involves victims being forced or coerced to exchange sex for money. The money rarely goes to victims, and often goes to a pimp. Victims are often lured through relationship and with a guise of love and affection. Force, threat, and abuse are used to keep the victim selling sex. Trafficking not only represents a threat to our peace and security but also robs millions of their dignity and freedom. There are estimated to be more than 27.6 million people — adults and children — subjected to human trafficking around the world, including in the United States.

You can't stop trafficking if you don't know what it looks like. Get educated on this issue through books, articles, and documentaries. It's amazing the difference that awareness of trafficking makes in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Not only does this open our eyes to situations around us, but it gives us insight into how to pray. Raising awareness makes us effective members of our community, and greater resources to help protect our family, friends, children, neighbors and others.

Be a Watchman in your community. Take inventory of your city with daytime prayer walks through your local neighborhoods, around junior highs, high schools, and shopping malls. These are 'hot grounds' for recruitment into sex trafficking. Declare the promises of God for everyone in the area. Pray that any schemes of evil are exposed and stopped. Ask God to send help to people who are vulnerable be becoming victims of trafficking. If you see anything suspicious, call your local police authorities.

- Pray for victims to be rescued and restored
- Pray that criminals will be brought to justice
- Pray for exposure of human trafficking rings in your community
- Pray for law enforcement and ministries who are helping victims of trafficking
- Pray for God's protection on people who are vulnerable to human trafficking in schools, malls, sporting events and other places where large number of people gather.