# ELIJAH RISING COMBATTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRAYER GUIDE

#### PRAY FOR VICTIMS

# PRAY FOR STRENGTH, COURAGE, AND SALVATION

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

#### **Psalm 138:7**

He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.

#### **Isaiah 40:29**

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19:10

# PRAY FOR PROTECTION, FREEDOM, AND JUSTICE

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

#### **Psalm 82:4**

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

#### Psalm 103:6

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, **Psalm 146:7** 

## PRAY FOR HOPE AND HEALING

But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,' declares the LORD, 'because you are called an outcast, Zion for whom no one cares.'

#### Jeremiah 30:17

There is hope for your future," says the LORD. "Your children will come again to their own land.

#### Jeremiah 31:17

#### PRAY FOR TRAFFICKERS

# PRAY FOR CONVICTION, REPENTANCE, AND SALVATION

Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the LORD that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously.

#### Isaiah 55:7

For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners,

#### Romans 5:6

Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth.

#### 2 Timothy 2:25

# PRAY FOR CRIMINAL NETWORKS TO BE DISMANTLED

Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure—you, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts.

#### Psalm 7:9

For the strength of the wicked will be shattered, but the LORD takes care of the godly.

#### Psalm 37:17

But the wicked will perish: Though the LORD's enemies are like the flowers of the field, they will be consumed, they will go up in smoke.

#### Psalm 37:20

# PRAY FOR OPPRESSORS TO BE ARRESTED AND PROSECUTED

This is what the LORD says: Be fair-minded and just. Do what is right! Help those who have been robbed; rescue them from their oppressors. Quit your evil deeds! Do not mistreat foreigners, orphans, and widows. Stop murdering the innocent!

#### Jeremiah 22:3

Hate evil and love what is good; turn your courts into true halls of justice. **Amos 5:15** 

#### PRAY FOR GOVERNMENTS

## PRAY FOR CORRUPTION TO CEASE

Do not pervert justice or show partiality. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the innocent.

#### **Deuteronomy 16:19**

For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

#### **Amos 5:12**

These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts;

Zechariah 8:16

# PRAY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF JUST LEGISLATION

A just king gives stability to his nation, but one who demands bribes destroys it.

Proverbs 29:4

"You came down on Mount Sinai; you spoke to them from heaven. You gave them regulations and laws that are just and right, and decrees and commands that are good.

Nehemiah 9:13

#### PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

## PRAY FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH

Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

"For behold, darkness will cover the earth, And deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you. And His glory will appear upon you.

#### Isaiah 60:1-2

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

#### Matthew 5:13-14

and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

#### Matthew 16:18

## PRAY FOR ADVOCATES TO EMERGE

Who will protect me from the wicked? Who will stand up for me against evildoers?

#### Psalm 94:16

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.

#### **Proverbs 31:8**

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

#### Matthew 9:37

# PRAY FOR THE CHURCH TO UNITE AGAINST INJUSTICE

I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

#### John 17:23

May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus

#### Romans 15:5

#### PRAY FOR ROOT CAUSES

## PRAY TO BREAK POVERTY

Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.

Proverbs 14:21

Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

Isaiah 58:7

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

Isaiah 61:1

## PRAY TO BREAK THE EXPLOITATION OF GREED

Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

Luke 12:15

For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.

**1 Timothy 6:10** 

## FREEDOM FROM PORNOGRAPHY

Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:18

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

**Ephesians 5:3** 

# PRAY FOR INCREASED GLOBAL AWARENESS

# PRAY FOR THE REALITY OF TRAFFICKING TO BE UNVEILED

For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open.

Mark 4:22

The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all.

Luke 12:2

But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them **Ephesians 5:13** 

## PRAY FOR STRATEGIES TO RAISE AWARENESS

Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow. **Psalm 25:4** 

Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

**Proverbs 3:5** 

For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts **Isaiah 55:9** 

## PRAY FOR PEOPLE TO BE STIRRED TO ACTION

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

James 1:22

and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

James 2:16