



## PRAYER FOCUS

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**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS!**

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There are more slaves in the world today than there were during the American Civil War.

***Eighty percent are women – half are children.***

Some slaves are trafficked for manual labor, but most are forced into underground sex work.

We believe God's people must break cycles that keep the vulnerable oppressed. So, we invite you to pray with us this April for human trafficking victims:

*Sun:* **PRAY** that victims of human trafficking will not blame themselves for their situations.

*Mon:* **PRAY** that former victims will be able to find meaningful employment that doesn't put them in harm's way.

*Tue:* **PRAY** that more people will realize the value God places on the lives of the marginalized and vulnerable.

*Wed:* **PRAY** that God's people will not be afraid to reach out to the exploited and abused with love and kindness.

*Thu:* **ASK GOD** for governmental change so policymakers will act in the interest of human trafficking victims instead of their own economic gain.

*Fri:* **PRAY** for more translators to help with anti-trafficking work. Most victims are from various foreign countries and don't speak their host country's language.

*Sat:* **PRAY** that organizations dedicated to fighting human trafficking will receive the support and resources they need.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- I. ITALY** | Please join Zach and Naomi Baliva in prayer for a small church plant in Trieste, which just recently had its very first service. Pray for continued growth and direction from God.

**TURN OVER FOR MORE REQUESTS!**



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2. **MEXICO** | Pete Johnson desires prayer for an anti-human trafficking event being held at Rancho El Camino. Pray for a good launch of the program and pray for the people who have been willing to take on leadership roles.
3. **EAST ASIA** | Many East Asians seem ready and eager to hear the Word, but official resistance is on the increase. Pray against governmental policies that would prevent the spread of the Good News.
4. **JAPAN** | Gerald and Debbie May are still praying that God will provide a long-term host and hostess to serve at the TEAM Center in Japan. They ask for prayers that God will call a couple with skills and an interest in ministering to fellow Christian workers.
5. **MIDDLE EAST** | One family recently told TEAM missionaries that they are struggling with demonic manifestations that torment one of their children. They appear very drained and distraught but don't want the child prayed over in Jesus' name. Please pray for this family, and for God to give His wisdom and insight into the situation. Pray also for protection of the whole household.

**PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:**

1. **PAPUA** | Some Gospel booklets have recently been translated into the Hatam language, and — thanks to your support — are now being distributed. The Hatam tribal group consists of 17,000 people spread over a remote, mountainous area of Papua. Praise God for making this possible!
2. **FRANCE** | Sherrilyn Anderson's Bible study house group now routinely has a dozen in attendance. They are covering subjects like the use of leisure time and how the Bible was transmitted to us. Many of the group members live alone or are alone in their faith within their families, so it is a vital time of encouragement. Praise God they are truly beginning to live in community with one another!
3. **GUATEMALA** | The Lord has provided enough donations for a portable ultrasound machine that Amie Bockstahler can take into rural villages and conduct prenatal ultrasounds with. This will help screen for any problems before delivery. Praise God!