

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Let us pray together that God's justice and right will break forth in our time.

We pray for the Christian Communities around the world, for the strength, fortitude and vision of all their leaders and members in addressing the issues of human trafficking. **Response: God of compassion, let justice and right break forth.**

We pray for world leaders that they will confront human trafficking in all its forms, by dedicating their time, energy and resources to eradicating it. **Response: God of compassion, let justice and right break forth.**

We pray for those in bonded labour, in agricultural fields, mines and factories who have been reduced to tools for production and commodities rather than human beings. **Response: God of compassion, let justice and right break forth.**

We pray for women who are estimated to make up 80% of human trafficking victims and for changes in societal attitudes that deny the equality and dignity of women. **Response: God of compassion, let justice and right break forth.**

We pray for the development of impoverished nations so that their peoples may know a decent standard of living, have meaningful opportunities for education and employment and thus escape the desperate circumstances that make people vulnerable to human trafficking. **Response: God of compassion, let justice and right break forth.**

We pray that the demand for trafficked people will reduce. May men and women grow in appreciation of the dignity of every human person so that we can live in a world where no-one is enslaved. **Response: Good of compassion, let justice and right break forth.**

We pray for all who have died as a result of their exploitation and slavery. **Response: God of compassion, let justice and right break forth.**

Leader: Awaken our hearts and deepen our commitment to work for a world where all people are free and able to live with dignity and freedom. We ask for conversion of heart for traffickers and for strong laws to protect victims. Give us wisdom and courage so that together we will find ways to ensure Your freedom is the gift for all people. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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