

Prayer Guide for Women in Sexual Slavery

The purpose of this prayer guide is to help *launch* you into prayer for women in sexual bondage in Spain. The evils of sexual slavery are sadly not limited to just Spain, therefore in general this guide can be applied.

Project Rescue focuses on *rescue* and *restore* because our work is not only to rescue from sexual slavery's physical bondage but to usher in the restoration healing work that comes from Jesus Christ. Having worked directly with women in sexual slavery I can testify that the bondages are real. However, I will borrow from Beth Grant, cofounder with her husband of Project Rescue, from her book *Courage Compassion* "Spiritual darkness is more than a concept. It's a smothering, tangible, destructive reality. Spiritual light is more than a concept. Jesus is a liberating, loving, healing, transforming reality!"

Just as the spiritual darkness of sexual slavery is aggressive in its pursuit, so we are called to live out the compassion of Christ without intimidation, by boldly opposing darkness, and yield the authority we have been given by and from God.

Consider:

- With this prayer guide, I invite you to share it with a friend or church group to join in prayer together or hosting a virtual prayer meeting.
- As the work of injustice never ceases, so should our prayers not cease. Consider posting this prayer guide where you might see it regularly and be drawn into prayer. Places such as your lock screen on your phone, your bathroom mirror, or your car dashboard.
- As you pray, consider fasting along with your prayer time in a way you sense God inviting you to do so.

As you begin, read Isaiah 59:16-21 slowly and ask the Holy Spirit to birth *His Compassion* for His daughters as you pray.

May we be broken as He is broken. Pour out as He pours out. Intercede as He does today for us all.

"The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment. So they shall fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the Lord drives. And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the Lord. "And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the Lord: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of

your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the Lord, "from this time forth and forevermore."

1. Pray for women to be rescued from and out of sexual slavery. For the captive in hidden places would be found and rescued from exploitation and danger.

Isaiah 61:1-2 *"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 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor**"*

2. Pray for women in sexual slavery that spiritual bonds of darkness would be demolished and broken off of them. We demolish strongholds of captivity in mindsets or lies. We tear down chains of sexual distortion and perversion.

2 Corinthians 10: 3-5 *"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.** We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ"*

3. Pray for the salvation and life transforming power of God to come to women in sexual slavery. We declare that they were made with and for a Heavenly purpose and not the perversion treatment they have known. God is a miracle working God, there is no one He can't restore and redeem.

Isaiah 59:1 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear"

4. Pray for vulnerable women (no job, low income, no place to live, immigrant to Spain) all situation of vulnerability that can lead to prostitution and exploitation. We pray for provision for the vulnerable in work, housing, and a safe community to support them.

Psalms 68: 5-6 *Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity"*

5. Pray for justice and righteousness to come and reign in the flats, clubs, brothels where prostitution is happening. In Spain it is 100 % legal to own and run a licensed brothel. We oppose the promotion of evil and any form and ask that the laws would be changed to protect and eliminate a system of abuse.

Psalms 10:14-15 *"**But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit themselves to you; you are the helper of the fatherless. Break the arm of the wicked man; call the evildoer to account for his wickedness that would not otherwise be found out.**"*

Psalms 61:8 *For I **the Lord love justice**; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.*

6. Pray for our team as we assess situations of exploitation, that we would have discernment and wisdom. Pray that we would be “as cunning as serpents and innocent as doves”. As we meet with women we would see and hear with insight and have open doors in our conversations. Everywhere we place our foot we would carry the presence and authority of God there.

Ephesians 6:10-21

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **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. Stand therefore, having **fastened on the belt of truth**, and having **put on the breastplate of righteousness**, and, as **shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace**. In all circumstances **take up the shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and **take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, **keep alert with all perseverance**, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.*

7. Pray for light to push out the darkness in this city. The practice of having a prostitute is very normalized and even celebrated. Pray for transformation in the city's people. Welcome the Holy Spirit here into the churches, businesses, homes.

For today consider prayer walking your neighborhood or a part of your city and actively tell the Holy Spirit He is welcomed there and asking Him to come. Pray that the Light would come to all corruption, evil, and schemes of the enemy. Supernatural change happens when Holy Spirit comes so let's make space for Him.