



SPOKEN WORD PRAYER RESOURCE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR
VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Invite members from your congregation to share these spoken prayers out loud from the perspective of survivors, the vulnerable, practitioners and allies. You can also show the spoken video prayers prepared for you. We pray these spoken prayers help spark empathy across hearts and lead to action.

PRAYER FROM A SURVIVOR'S PERSPECTIVE

We must listen to the resilient voices we are praying for. What's their cry? Here's a spoken prayer from the perspective of someone who has been impacted by modern slavery and human trafficking. You can also find the video here: [#BeyondTheDark Human Trafficking Survivor Spoken Prayer - YouTube](#)

*Dear God,
As a Survivor
They look at me
And see a money-making machine,
They see me as weak,
And prey on me.
They validate their power
By invalidating my independence.
They disqualified my human rights,
And decide on my fate.*

*Not just mine,
But that of my family.
While others experience light
My voice is trapped in the dark.
Enslaved by my thoughts
I imagine a world where
Your people fight for my freedom
Where they do not separate
My existence and that of their child.
You call us one in the body of Christ
Yet they turn their backs
Saying we're not related.*

*Beyond the dance,
The light, the laughter,
Darkness exists
Holding my cries hostage.
They flip through the book of Joshua
Amazed at the fallen city
Yet forgetting the walls of Jericho
Surround my freedom.
I seek a rally of soldiers.
Filled with shouts*

*Ready to amplify my voice.
And take up the armour
Enduring the time it will take
Because they will not be free
Until I am.*

PRAYER FROM A VULNERABLE PERSON

Here's a spoken prayer video from the perspective of someone who is on the margins and vulnerable to modern slavery and human trafficking. You can also find the video here: [#BeyondTheDark Vulnerable Spoken Prayer - YouTube](#)

*Dear God,
I'm vulnerable to exploitation.
I like my face,
They say I'm pretty.
For a second I'm amazed,
Then it dawns on me,
How much is my face worth?
Will it cost me my freedom?*

*Mum said, show respect,
Say hello ma'am, hello sir
Good girls do it with a smile
Good girls don't have an attitude
Good girls should not be opinionated,
Listen more*

*Call them uncle or aunty.
Will I create a bond I cannot shake?
Will being respectful or friendly
open a deadly door for me?
Will people pay money to watch my torture?
Choosing minutes of pleasure to my dismay.*

*But maybe I will grow up.
Will my changing features cause a target on me?
Unsafe in spaces,
At work, at school, at church.
Without a favour fulfilled,
I'm worthless?*

*How much does my life cost?
I thought you gave it to me for free?
Or is it a children's myth?*

*Until my fears aren't about my body,
Safety isn't connected to compliance.
Freedom isn't parallel to my death.*



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*Then my image will be seen
As an appreciation of your work.
When will my life, my dreams, my future
be preserved?*

PRACTITIONER SPOKEN PRAYER

Here's a spoken prayer from the perspective of a frontline practitioner – those all around the world, walking and journeying with survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking making sure social justice finds them. You can find the video here: [#BeyondTheDark Practitioner Spoken Prayer - YouTube](#)

*Dear God
As a frontline practitioner working against human trafficking
My prayer is
May your will be done on earth
As silent voices
Cry out from beyond the dark.
Wanting recognition for their humanity
And a light that is not blinding but freeing*

*May your will be done
Full of grace
As they smile
A beautiful reminder of their strength
The air they breathe
A celebration of freedom
As I see hope on their faces
Igniting my devotion*

*May your will be done
On days I question how,
how life would have been
Without dehumanisation
Without exploitation
Without assault
Without molestation
Without your people being seen as property
Without their breath dependent on someone else*

*May your will be done on earth
When everyone will stand together
To value life over money
When everyone will stand together
to raise their voices with the cries of the inflicted
When everyone will stand together
To see your will be done on earth
As it is in heaven.*

ALLY SPOKEN PRAYER

A spoken prayer from the perspective of people desiring to stand in solidarity with those experiencing modern slavery and human trafficking. You can find the video here: [#BeyondTheDark Ally Spoken Prayer - YouTube](#)

*Dear God,
I'm an ally trying to seek justice
I will fight,
The need to be comfortable
The desire to be safe
The ignorance toward things
That contribute to trafficking*

*I will stop
Indulging in pleasures
That grant the oppressor benefits
While my sisters and brothers
Lose their voices
Their dignity
Their identity
Their hope*

*I will check
Before I support a company
To ensure they have regulations in place
Offering fair wages
For it is unfair for the oppressed to labour
and I benefit*

*I will protect
The vulnerable
Ensure that they are safe
Defend them
With courage and not turn a blind eye*

*I will watch
What I say
Correct violent behaviour
Abusive words
Demeaning language
And misuse of power*

*I will go out of my way
To educate myself
Knowing that it is not the responsibility of the oppressed to enlighten me
For if I lack knowledge
Then I'm comfortable with perishing*