The numbers sound overwhelming and unbelievable: more than $99 billion in revenue each year worldwide. More than 21 million people enslaved, including 2 million children used as sex slaves—and no age is too young. It’s an ever-expanding industry. The victims and advocates need our help. They especially need our prayers. While human trafficking may seem like an unsurmountable tragedy, with God there is always hope. Here are 20 ways to pray for those trapped by trafficking.

PRAY FOR:

Victims
• Safe places to turn
• Rescue and restoration to their families
• Salvation
• Physical and psychological healing
• The strength and opportunity to escape permanently
• Steady employment to support themselves and their families
• Protection against further entrapment

Advocates
• Strength and perseverance
• Favor with lawmakers in legislation against trafficking
• Resources to provide safe and secure shelters, jobs and restoration
• Fundraising efforts
• Training and counseling of both advocates and victims
• Their search for justice

Traffickers
• Enforcement of existing laws and their prosecution
• Dismantling of networks and criminal organizations
• People to reach out and minister to the traffickers
• For their conviction, repentance, salvation and restoration

Communities and Churches
• Awareness of the existence and prevalence of trafficking
• Discernment of church leaders and lawmakers
• Development of advocates and prayer warriors

“Happy is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them. He remains faithful forever, executing justice for the exploited and giving food to the hungry. The Lord frees prisoners” (Psalm 146:5–7, HCSB).