#### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

**PRAY**. Use this Guide to continue to pray. Watch for monthly Guides covering different critical needs facing Greater Dallas.

Also pray about these **next steps**:

**LEARN**. Continue to Learn More About the Issue by...

- Reading and understanding what God says in His Word about the interplay between purity and justice.
- Recognizing the signs of trafficking.

**SERVE** & **COORDINATE**. Check with your church and find out what's being done in your community. There are wonderful organizations and initiatives here in Dallas.

**TELL**. Tell your friends, family, co-workers, and followers about these needs and opportunities. Look at these resources so you're ready to share helpful information as God puts it on your heart.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Jan 11, 2017 | | Human Trafficking Awareness Presentation

Allen UMC || 601 S Greenville Ave, Allen www.traffick911.com/events

Jan 25, 2017 | Human Trafficking Awareness Event

South Steps of State Capital || 1100 Congress Ave, Austin http://www.tspb.texas.gov/plan/events/tspbcal.html

Jan 2017 | Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Several Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities www.traffick911.com/events

The following list is not exhaustive and represents only a selection of possible organizations to consider volunteering with:

purehope.net || newfriendsnewlife.org || alertdfw.org
mosaicservices.org || childrenatrisk.org || jesussaidlove.com
traffick911.com || love146.org || rescueher.org

#### Sources

http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/245365.pdf http://www.polarisproject.org/recognize-signs





#### **JANUARY 2017 PRAYER GUIDE**

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor." Isaiah 61:1-3

This month's topic is **Human Trafficking**.

Did you know there are an estimated 21 to 36 million slaves in the world today? Did you know the average age of entry into the sex trade in the U.S. is 12-14 years old?

Men, women, and children are being held captive all around us in the darkness of the sex industry. We must share the heartache of our Heavenly Father for those who are oppressing and being oppressed. He desires to set captives free!

Please prepare your heart before you begin to pray through the AP4C categories, so that these Scriptures and your time with God can renew your heart.

All Scripture quotations are taken from the Holy Bible, NIV translation. www.ap4c.org

### SALVATION

"Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death."

Hebrews 2:14-15

- Pray for God to give strength and salvation to all victims of human trafficking.
- Pray that as believers compassionately seek justice for trafficking, the victims would see the love of Jesus in them and turn to Him for deliverance from bondage.
- Pray that the perpetrators, moved by their victims' hope in Jesus, would turn from their iniquity and rest in Jesus' forgiveness.
- Please continue to pray for the salvation of people within your sphere of influence.

## THE CHURCH

"For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him." Genesis 18:19

- Pray that the Church would seek to provide Christian solutions in this sexualized culture.
- Pray that the local church will support local resources (shelters, centers, organizations) that care for human trafficking victims by volunteering their time and by giving financially.
- Pray that the Church will endure in showing compassion toward those affected by trafficking and continue to work to increase awareness of the prevalence of the crisis of trafficking.
- Pray that believers will faithfully pray for the freedom and for the physical, spiritual, and emotional wholeness of every trafficking victim.

## **OUR COMMUNITIES**

"And the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." 1 Corinthians 12:23-26

- Pray for the safety of the men, women, and children in your community and that they would be protected from exploitation of any kind.
- Ask the Lord to show you ways you can be involved in your community as an advocate for the exploited.
- Pray that anti-trafficking organizations would make bold advancements for the Kingdom.

# **TRANSFORMATION**

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:3-4

- Pray that we would be so near to the heartbeat of Jesus that we would be compelled to pursue justice for the oppressed.
- Pray for increased regulations and terminations of other commercial sex trades, such as pornography, prostitution, and strip clubs.
- Advocate for those such as law enforcement and medical professionals to be trained to identify human trafficking.
- Pray for those in our city who are championing this cause: (lawyers, volunteers, reporters, investigators, ministries, law enforcement officials, etc.)