



PRAYER GUIDE

RESCUE • VALUE • TRANSFORM

THE WOMEN

- Freedom and justice
 - Draw of the Holy Spirit
 - Understanding of Christ's love
 - Revelation of value and worth
 - Physical, spiritual and emotional healing
 - Hunger for God's Word
 - Housing, provision and employment
 - "Liberators" to rise up and lead others to freedom
 - Women of Esther's Academy
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THE PIMPS, TRAFFICKERS, & SEX INDUSTRY BUSINESS OWNERS

- Conviction by the Holy Spirit
 - Repentance
 - Stories of redemption to emerge
 - Dismantlement of criminal networks and manipulative strategies
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ROOT CAUSES

- Against poverty, greed, and consumerism
 - Against sexism, racism and oppression
 - Against casual and unbiblical ideas About sex
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THE CHURCH

- Revival
- Awareness
- Laborers stirred to action
- Biblical views about sex and sexuality
- Generosity
- Open doors to the lost and broken
- To bring healing and transformation to culture

THE CONSUMERS

- Conviction by the Holy Spirit
 - Repentance
 - Freedom, accountability and healing
 - Revelation of human worth
 - Decrease in demand
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FAMILIES

- Strong, godly families
 - Hunger for God
 - Healing and restoration of marriages
 - Cycles of sexual abuse and addiction to Be broken
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CULTURE

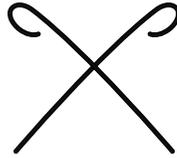
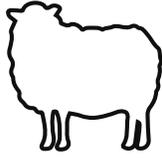
- Biblical views about sex and sexuality
 - Awareness and exposure of darkness
 - Just legislation worldwide
 - Revelation of human worth
 - People to stand against a "culture Of prostitution"
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PROJECT 41

- Divine wisdom, strategy, favor, And provision
- Filling by the Holy Spirit
- Hunger for God's Word
- Unity
- Protection from discouragement
- Staff and volunteers
- Teachers of Esther's Academy
- Funding
- "White As Snow" Gala fundraiser

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PRAYER TIPS

- 1 Set aside a special time to pray.** What gets scheduled gets done.
 - If your mind tends to wander, **pray out loud** or **write your prayers** in a journal. An added benefit of journaling prayer is that you can easily keep a record of answered prayer.
 - Try the **A.C.T.S.** prayer acrostic:
 - **A**doration: Praise God for who He is and what He has done.
 - **C**onfession: Confess your sin, brokenness, and inadequacies. (These become clearer once you've focused on the attributes of God.)
 - **T**hanksgiving: Thank God for Jesus, answered prayer, and His providence.
 - **S**upplication: Present your requests before God. Pray for others.
 - Join the **Project 41 Prayer Team** at: www.project41fortheone.com/pages/outreaches
 - Pray God's word!** The Bible is full of wonderful prayers. Use the Psalms, Matthew 6:9-13, Ephesians 1:17-19, Ephesians 3:14-21, Philippians 1:9-11, and Colossians 1:9-14 as a guide. Personalize each one to make it your own.
 - Choose one area to pray for each day of the week.**
 - Follow the model prayers on the following page.**
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**THE WOMEN:**

Holy Father, we come to you in Jesus' name. Thank you for the privilege of prayer and for the assurance that we have your ear to listen to our pleas (Psalm 34:15) and your readiness to act on behalf of the women enslaved by the sex industry. We ask you to fight for those you love (Exodus 14:13-14), defend the oppressed, and carry out justice for the victims. Deliver the poor and the needy. Free them from the hands of the wicked (Psalm 82:3-4).

We know, no one comes to you, Lord, unless you draw them to you first (John 6:44). We ask you to draw the women to you so that Jesus may dwell in their hearts and develop their faith so they may realize the width, length, depth and height of your love, which surpasses knowledge and understanding. Please fill them with the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:17-19). Enable them to believe the good news of Jesus so they may better understand how much you love and value them. Proclaim to them their worth. Draw near to their broken spirits and heal their hearts (Psalm 34:18). Heal their damaged emotions.

Heal their diseases (Psalm 103:3). Grant them your presence because in your presence they will know joy (Psalm 16:11).

God, you know our needs before we ask (Matthew 6:8). You promise to provide for us and to give us good gifts (Matthew 6:32-33; Luke 11:11-13). We ask for special provision for the women of Esther's Academy. Please provide them employment so they may support themselves and their families without falling back into darkness. Provide them housing, clothing, food, a Christian community, and a sense of safety. Give them the gift of the Holy Spirit, filling them and baptizing them in your boldness and power. Be it that liberators will rise up among them and lead others to freedom. In the powerful name of Jesus, who is able to do more than we ask or can imagine, we bring these matters to you that your name might be made famous (Ephesians 3:20). Amen.

**Pimps/Traffickers/Industry:**

Jesus, it's amazing to me that when I was your enemy, lost in wicked works, you loved me and gave your life for mine (Romans 5:8). You died a horrific death to reconcile my soul to you and to present me holy and blameless and above reproach in the Father's sight (Col. 1:22). Your death paid for every man's sin, no matter how grievous. Your blood cleanses both the oppressed and the oppressor.

Ultimately, we don't fight against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of darkness, against demons and Satan himself (Eph. 6:12). Father, we ask you to break the true Oppressor into pieces (Psalm 72:4). We pray for justice and mercy for the pimps and traffickers according to your good and perfect will. We trust the Judge of all the earth to do right (Gen. 18:25). Have mercy, O Lord, according to your lovingkindness (Ps. 51:1), for you did not come to destroy

men's lives but to save them (Luke 9:56). You did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance (Matt. 9:13). Holy Spirit, convince them of their sin and their salvation through Jesus Christ. Deliver them from the power of darkness and bring them out into your marvelous light (1 Pet. 2:9). Write stories of redemption on their hearts. May these enemies become your friends and proclaim your Word to the world.

Shine your light into dark places. Expose sin. Break the rod of the oppressor, and dissolve these criminal networks (Is. 9:4). Do the impossible, Almighty God, and help us to remember nothing is impossible with you (Luke 1:37). We ask these things in the name of Jesus and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Tip: Pray Psalm 10 (NIV)



The Church:

Father in Heaven, you sent Jesus Christ for the sake of your Church, to save her, sanctify her, and cleanse her by the Word (Eph. 5:26). We are your bride and you are our Husband (Eph. 5). But we confess we have lost our first love. Though we seem to be alive we are in fact asleep. We're lukewarm—indifferent towards you and those you love (Rev. 2-3). We also confess sins of sexual addiction and immorality. We have cast you aside for the love of comfort, wealth, success, fame, entertainment, and momentary pleasure, none of which is able to satisfy. We have sold ourselves for nothing at all (Is. 52:3).

Humble us. Open our eyes to our spiritual poverty. Cause us to seek your face, turn from our wicked ways, and run to you with all our hearts with fasting, weeping and mourning (Joel 2:12). Break our hearts that we might return to our First Love. Forgive our sin and heal our land (2 Chron. 7:14).

Holy Spirit, blow this way (John 3:8). Awake us from our slumber (Isaiah 52:1). Revive your church in America and all over the world. Cast down all other gods before you (Exodus 20:2). May we hunger for you before we hunger for anything else (Matt. 5:6). Fill and baptize us, Holy Spirit. Teach us to walk in step with you and help us to crucify

our sinful nature (Gal. 5:16,24). Rebuke the spirit of lust which holds so many of your people captive. Deliver us from the bondage of sexual addiction, and renew our minds that we might view men and women as objects of worth, created in your image and paid for in blood by you (Gen. 1:27). Grant us a ravenous appetite for your Word that we might adopt your view of sex and sexuality, and help us to keep these inferior appetites in their proper place.

As you free your Church from the bondage of corruption, make her an agent of healing and transformation in the world. Inspire us with your love for prostitutes, pimps, lawbreakers and outcasts (Matt. 21:31-32). Open our doors to the lost and broken. Teach us to listen, to love and to give generously of our time, gifts and money. Bring purpose-driven awareness of the human trafficking war to your people, and stir them into community-minded action against the enemy and the darkness. In the powerful name of Jesus, we make this plea.



Root Causes/Culture:

Almighty God, we come before you both in humility and in boldness. Humility, because it is only through your Son we may come at all. Boldness, because in Christ, we are confident of your love and full attention, and we know you are willing and able to fight for us (Heb. 10:19-23).

You are God in heaven. You rule over the nations. In your hand is power and might. No one is able to stand against you (2 Chron. 20:6). You have won the battle over death and hell on the cross. Because of this, we don't fight for victory, but from victory. Thank you, Jesus (1 Cor. 15:57)!

Still, evil runs rampant in the world. Poverty is a great enemy which leads many to deny you by committing wicked works out of desperation. Racism causes us to hate and destroy those you love. Gender discrimination between men and women lead them to despise one another, though both are created in your image. We live in a culture of oppression where those in power love their power more than they love you. More than they love their fellow human beings.

Greed, consumerism, and a distorted view of the good gift of sex have created a culture of prostitution. The world uses others for a moment of pleasure, furthering the cause of the enemy, which is to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10).

We have no power of our own against the forces of evil, nor do we know what to do. But our eyes are on you (2 Chron. 20:12). It is nothing for you to help. We rest on you (2 Chron. 14:11), knowing the Spirit of the Lord is upon us. You have anointed us to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and sight to the blind, to liberate those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord (Luke 4:18-19).

Empower us, Lord, to reshape this dark culture's attitude towards sex, sexuality, and race and to make society aware of the cruel injustices against women and children. Light of the World, expose the darkness. Grant us a revelation of human worth. Call out those who will stand against the oppression and the degradation of those created in your image. Guide our governing bodies to create just legislation throughout the world that will defend those who have no power. Cause the judges of the earth to stop exploiting women outside of the courtroom and begin defending them inside of it. Inspire just laws which will help vulnerable women to escape bondage and punish their oppressors. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne (Psalm 97:2). Fight for the destitute as only you can. Surpass our expectations.



The Consumers:

Heavenly Father, we come before you on behalf of those trapped by the lie that happiness can be found in sexual pleasure. By that lie, the Deceiver has led countless souls into captivity. We are a nation of addicts to pornography and prostitution. We have become slaves to sin.

Yet you haven't forsaken us in our bondage. You offer mercy. You came to revive us and rebuild the world we destroyed through sin (Ezra 9:9). Thanks be to Christ who has declared freedom to the captives, who has redeemed us with his precious blood (Eph. 1:7).

Holy Spirit, convict us of our sexual sin (John 16:8). Convict the consumers—both men and women*. Fill them with godly sorrow which leads to repentance (2 Cor. 7:10). Reveal to them the value of the women they use. Confront them with the truth that pornography and prostitution are not victimless crimes. Restore their sight so they see a woman, a child, someone's daughter

and not an object to fulfill their fantasies. Wake them up to their emptiness so they're forced to search for something more—so they will search for you (Prov. 13:25). For only you can satisfy.

Grant them courage to confess their addiction to you and to others so they can be reconciled and restored. Break the chains of bondage. Bring supernatural healing to their spirits, emotions, and minds, for we now know that pornography reeks real havoc on the human brain. Renew their thinking, and transform them into the image of your Son (Romans 12:2). Provide strong accountability which will help them walk in victory. And most of all, help them to fall madly, deeply in love with Jesus Christ their savior so they can't bear the thought of offending Him. It is in His name we pray.

*1 in 3 visitors to all adult websites are women; 17% of all women struggle with pornography addiction (Stats provided by XXX Church)

**Families:**

Precious Father, you are wise and good. You created families. You saved the world through a family. We know you care about families.

We confess to you the brokenness and dysfunction of our families, especially in America. Here, we are all focused upon ourselves, caring little for our spouses and children. Men and women dishonor their vows. They commit adultery, and flee when circumstances become difficult. Fathers prey upon their own children or abandon them altogether, leaving behind fragile beings who never grow into their full potential. A society of fatherless children breeds a culture of oppression.

And even good fathers shirk responsibility. The apathy of good men allows evil to make its home in ours. We throw away our children, aborting 730 million babies each year and abandoning them to the care of others.

Lord, we weep over our sad state, and ask you to save us as only you can. Forgive our selfishness. Make us desperate for you. Cause our apathy to combust in the flames of white hot passion for the God who loves us and gave himself for us (Gal. 2:20). Give us a voracious

appetite for your Word. Teach us to live in your presence. Heal our broken marriages. Restore our relationships. Call out Christ-following families to foster and adopt. Fill us with a commitment to you and each other that is stronger than our commitment to our own comfort and pleasure. Break the cycle of sexual abuse and addiction. Heal those who have been abused. Build strong families who seek you first (Matt. 6:33).

Cause parents to turn toward their children and children to turn toward their parents. Stir fathers from their sleep. Convict men who dominate, abusing their God-given headship. Help them to lead with the strength of humility and sacrifice, setting an example for their sons. May fathers affirm their daughters' true worth, and mothers take time to build strong character in their sons. May daughters be taught to seek satisfaction in you and not in the handsome, smooth-talking stranger on the internet who would exploit them. May sons grow into men who love the Lord and honor women. Restore the family to your vision. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6:10).



Project 41:

Thank you, Lord, for Project 41 and the service it provides to exploited women in our area. Thank you for the vision you have for this ministry in our community. Lord, grant the leaders of Project 41 a glimpse of that vision. Inspire creative strategies which will bring healing to the victims and the offenders. Pour out your favor upon them. Cause community leaders and businesses to offer support. Strengthen their relationship with the Ouachita Parish police. As they grow, give them wisdom, and open the floodgates of heaven to meet every need.

Thank you for the staff, interns, board members, and teachers of Esther's Academy who work so hard to grow your kingdom within the city of Monroe. Bless them. Make them hungry for your Word. Fill and baptize them in your Holy Spirit. Empower and multiply their efforts. Protect them from discouragement. Keep their hearts pure from the world. Shield them from the enemy, and give them discernment and strength against his traps. Create perfect unity among them. Destroy every hint of jealousy, pride, and selfishness.

Stir up the love of Jesus in their hearts. Manifest yourself in and through them.

Father, we ask you to provide the support and funding Project 41 needs to expand. You are the One who fed 5,000 men and their families with a couple of fish and a few loaves of bread and afterward took up twelve baskets of leftovers (Matt. 14:13-21). You are a God of endless resources, so we boldly ask for what is needed to supply free housing for the women, to pay a staff, to purchase more property, and to secure the resources needed for Esther's Academy. We ask for even more than this, confident in your ability to provide.

We request a special blessing of favor upon the annual White As Snow Gala. That each year the fundraising event would grow and each year it would sell out. Use the gala to take care of your girls and spread awareness of the sex trafficking problem in Monroe, Louisiana. Make us all as passionate for the one as you are. In Jesus' name, we lay these needs at your feet. Amen.