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FIGHTING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN TRAVEL AND TOURISM

**Increasing Awareness, Advocacy,
and Activism**

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Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism

‘We cannot keep silent; it is time for action’

By Rev. Emmett L. Dunn

A few weeks ago, I watched *Sound of Freedom*, a film produced in 2023. Based on a true story, it is an incredible account of a former government agent turned vigilante who embarked on a dangerous mission to rescue a young girl and her brother from sex traffickers. Moved to tears by what I saw, the question of what the church is doing to stop this global underworld billion-dollar industry arrested my mind. No longer can we behave as if this is not affecting our communities here in the United States.

In a report released to CBS News in 2021, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children said it received 29.3 million reports of suspected child sexual exploitation—an increase of 35 percent from 2020 and an all-time high.

While we appreciate that travel and tourism bring a great deal of opportunity to local communities, generating 10 percent of jobs worldwide, bringing employment to rural and remote areas, and is a leading industry in employing more women and young people than most other sectors, traffickers see increased tourism as a chance to earn money from the sexual exploitation of children—a trend that is occurring around the globe.

During Women’s History Month, as we join with our ministry partner, Women in Service Everywhere (WISE), interceding on behalf of children worldwide, I encourage you to maximize this opportunity.

I am convinced that increasing our prayer language around the Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism (SECTT) will help us think concretely about practical solutions. Becoming more intentional about our advocacy opens pathways to becoming allies and activists for those victimized by SECTT.

We cannot keep silent; it is time for action.

I implore you to pray fervently for the eradication of SECTT. We know prayer changes things. Please be empowered by the information shared in this edition of the Prayer Guide. Let’s continue to work together in the cause of liberation.

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SECTT: What you need to know about this global assault on our children; what you can do to fight it

‘No country is untouched by this phenomenon and no child is immune’

By Dr. Angelita Clifton

What is SECTT—Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism?

It is defined as acts of sexual exploitation of children within the context of travel and tourism. It takes shape with three Ps—prostitution, pornography, and production of online propaganda; all three market our children as sexual play toys. In many countries, volunteerism and orphanage tourism are avenues through which pedophiles find spaces and places to prey on our children. I’ve heard it said, “Sexual exploitation in travel and tourism has a child’s face. No country is untouched by this phenomenon and no child is immune.”

What is being done about SECTT?

Organizations like the United Nations, ECPAT, The Code, and Lott Carey are issuing a call to action. When we know better, we must do better. As the travel and tourism industry grows, strategies for child protection globally, regionally, and nationally are enacted but not yet fully embraced. The growth of the industry does not match the growth in measures relating to child protection. Federal law related to Extraterritorial Sexual Exploitation of Children provides jurisdiction for the United States to prosecute criminal conduct and certain types of sex offenses committed against our children outside our borders. It also prohibits United States citizens and permanent residents from traveling to foreign countries with the intent to rape, sexually molest, or solicit children for sex. Citizens can be punished under this U.S. law, even if the activity is legal in the country where it occurs.

What can we do about SECTT?

The terminology describing the insidious acts of pedophiles is evolving. child sex tourism is most accurately described as the Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism. This language makes it plain; it calls it what it is. It acknowledges the hard reality that pedophiles, both men and women, are preying on our children in the global community. The

term SECTT captures the fact that our children are sexually exploited while making it clear about the context in which those crimes are committed.

The women of WISE continue to be deliberate about increasing our prayer language to intercede on behalf of all those under the shadow of modern-day slavery, in all its forms. Intentionally increasing awareness and activism efforts require each of us to stay abreast of the current vernacular to avoid causing additional emotional violence.

I heard someone say, “The status of our children is the metric by which we may measure if and when we become the beloved community.” Sex offenders who take advantage of poverty, social exclusion and vulnerability, to abuse and misuse our children cannot be tolerated.

The harmful social attitudes regarding gender, child marriages, and normalizing sex with minors—coupled with silence gives sex offenders license to operate with anonymity and impunity. The nexus between traveling sex offenders, online sexual exploitation of children, and the trafficking of children for the purpose of sex, decimates the future by denying our babies the right to have a full and free life.

Silence is never an option. If you witness a situation or suspect a child is being sexually exploited, observe carefully as many details as possible. As you make your visual assessment, keep these three key details in mind: Who, when, and where. **Do not hesitate to call the police or use the International Hotline Number +1-703-837-6313.** Remember, together we are stronger!



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Day 1 *Australia: Genesis 16:13*



Gracious and mighty God, the God of Hagar, do You see my pain, suffering, and abuse? Do You witness the torment, the battering, and the fractures within me? Even when I cannot perceive You, do You see me? Do You see the one causing this wickedness that shatters my life, body, and mind? Why, God, do You seem distant in my plight?

Lord, save me. Show me Your compassionate and unfailing love, revealing that You see me. In the midst of my adversities and my enemies' advances, I won't falter, surrender, or reveal my grief. Your presence within me is mightier than the world's forces; Your support makes me invincible. I know our battles are not fought with worldly

weapons but with divine power that breaks down strongholds.

I believe You hear the cries of Your wounded sons and daughters, and I trust You to intervene. I believe in Your promise of something new, in provision flowing like streams, and in Your unwavering sovereignty. You are the God who sees me, my refuge, my stronghold. I stand unwavering in my faith. In Jesus' name, I seal this prayer. Amen.

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Day 2 *Bahamas: Psalm 103:2-5*

Gracious God, we turn to You with hearts burdened by the scars of Bahamian children affected by the dark shadows of exploitation. We lift our voices in prayer for the innocent children scarred by exploitation within travel and tourism. In our plea, we fervently ask You to be a healing balm for the wounds they have suffered and continue to endure.

Your children have experienced not only physical scars but also lingering emotional and psychological wounds. May Your compassion surround them like a gentle embrace, soothing the pain beyond the visible marks. We pray for Your restoration in the quiet corners of their hearts, where trust has been shattered and innocence stolen. Heal the deep-seated wounds that affect their well-being, allowing them to experience the fullness of Your love.

Lord, protect Your children from further harm, both seen and unseen. Be their shield, guarding their minds and spirits against the

lasting impact of exploitation. May they find solace in Your presence, knowing they are not defined by their past but by the hope and restoration You bring.

As we cry out for justice, Lord, intervene in the hearts of those involved in this heinous act. May they realize the gravity of their actions and seek redemption. We specifically ask for wisdom, discernment, courage, and a commitment to eradicate this evil. In our collective prayer, we echo the psalmist's plea, "God, forgive them, restore and protect the children who bear the scars of this wickedness."

Let Your light shine in the darkest corners of our society, exposing and dismantling the networks that perpetrate such atrocities. In the name of Jesus, we offer this prayer for all Bahamian children. Amen.

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Day 3 *Philippians 2:4*

SECTT: Only God can end this profane practice that is consuming children worldwide

By Dr. Gina M. Stewart

The Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism (SECTT) is rapidly becoming one of the most prevalent global crimes. This form of exploitation is committed by individuals traveling away from their home districts, geographical regions, or countries with the intention of engaging in sexual activities with children.

Perpetrators of child sex offenses may either be domestic travelers or international tourists. Child sex tourism frequently utilizes accommodation, transportation, and various tourism-related services to establish contact with children, allowing the offender to blend into the surrounding population and environment.

The stark reality of children suffering sexual exploitation is horrifying. According to authorities, organizations that work with victims, and the news media:

- Nearly half of all victims of sexual abuse are children, with 15 percent being under the age of twelve and 29 percent falling between the ages of 12 and 17.
- The global child trafficking market surpasses \$12 billion annually, victimizing over 1.2 million children.
- Every year, between 600,000 and 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders, with 50 percent being children, predominantly females.

Most of these victims are coerced into the commercial sex trade. What is even more alarming than the widespread prevalence of sexual exploitation and violence is the profound emotional, psychological, and spiritual harm inflicted upon the children who endure such atrocities.

Children suffer in deafening silence within the shadows of orphanage tourism as a once noble endeavor

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Day 4 Bangladesh: Matthew 18:2-6

Gracious God, we pray for children who suffer in silence from sexual abuse. Help them find safety with adults who will listen and act on their behalf to end the abuse and support their healing. Help each of us to watch for signs of sexual exploitation and work to set up protective barriers in our churches and communities, keeping all children safe from sexual predators.

Loving God, we pray for outreach workers, child advocates, police officers, and programs providing survivors with support services. Safeguard them as they identify and care for the needs of the youth they encounter. We thank you for these guardians of our youth who walk beside them as they journey toward safety, independence, and healthy relationships with each other and with caring adults.

God the Creator and our Protector, we pray for children and youth

who do not have a safe place to call home, living couch to couch or out on the streets. We pray that those who are abused or find their home life unsafe receive care and healing. Help those who seek shelter find safe accommodations, supportive services and trustworthy adults. Protect them from those who would exploit them in their time of need. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

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Day 5 Cameroon: Psalm 34:17-20



Dearest El Roi, we come to You as humbly as we know how with a grievance on our hearts. Father, You have been merciful in more ways than we can count. Your blessings know no end. But still our hearts lament at the thought of our Cameroonian children undergoing sexual exploitation. God, we weep at the thought of our beautiful offspring being raped and sexually abused.

We ask You to take mercy on them and deliver them from evil, just as you delivered Your children in bondage out of Egypt. See our Cameroonian children exploited the way you saw Hagar in the wilderness. For we know, You are El Roi, the God who sees us and allows Himself to be seen by us.

God, we pray for the blessing of their mental health in their times of struggle and the preservation of their physical health despite the unimaginable conditions.

From Campo to Maroua—bless them, Lord.

From Yokaduma to Bafoussam—bless them, Lord.

From Makary to Poli—bless them, Lord.

From Ngaoundere to Yaoundé—bless them, Lord.

From Moloundou to Nkambe to Limbe—bless them, Lord.

Bless your Cameroonian children impacted by SECTT, the Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism. In the name of Yahweh, the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit, let all that have breath say, Amen.

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Day 6 Canada: Psalm 97:1

Lord, Most High, we give You thanks and praise for loving us unconditionally. Thank You for being present with us and always working for our good despite challenges in our lives and the evil that continually assault Your good creation.

Compassionate God, we bring before You our concern about the safety and welfare of our children. You have created this amazing place of oceans, mountains, whales, and wildlife. People want to see and enjoy it. There are many places in Canada that rely on tourism. We are saddened that the enemy has created a dark side to this beauty. Our hearts break because of those who harm our children through sexual exploitation in this vital industry. Their innocence is stolen. Their views of relationships are scarred and skewed. We implore You, Lord, to protect our children. Protect their hearts, minds, and bodies. Protect them against those who would

misguide and mistreat them. Bring to justice the evildoers. Vindicate the victims and restore their dignity and self-worth.

Heal every aspect of their being that they may, despite their trauma, experience your shalom. We pray for those who work to halt this abuse. Empower us with wisdom and resources so we do all we can to save our children. Help us remember this declaration of the psalmist. Our Father—the God who loves us—still reigns. Despite the enormity of this evil perpetrated upon the vulnerable, help us not to give up and give in. Let us never forget that You are sovereign. You reign. Amen.

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Day 7 Chile: Exodus 15:21

Lord Jesus, You who dwell in our midst and know suffering and pain. You, Lord, dignify human reality and value us as women. We ask You to hear our cry: Give us strength in the midst of an unequal world.

We come to You to intercede for so many boys and girls in Chile who live the slavery of being sexually exploited. The sex trade absorbs them and they see it as a solution to their continued poverty, subjugation, abuse, and complicit silence.

We ask You to have mercy on these boys and girls, adolescents in our country, so that they can get out of this evil circle of sexual exploitation. We implore You, Lord, that they may have new opportunities to study, to subsist, and that their families may protect them. We ask that in the midst of the slavery of these boys and girls that a spirit of freedom arise, a possibility of fleeing from this domination with the conviction that You, O God, will be able to free them.

Our God, we evoke the song of Miriam, who after the liberation from Egypt, after crossing the Red Sea, took the tambourine and sang with the other women, because they had been set free. That is what You allow, Lord. We implore mercy, compassion, and freedom on behalf of boys and girls who suffer this modern-day slavery. We trust that You want the best for every child in our land. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, we implore. Amen.

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Day 8 Colombia: Psalm 82:3-4

Lord, I pray that all perpetrators will recognize their behaviors are harmful, repent with their whole hearts, and ask for the redeeming love of Christ to guide and govern their lives.

Lord, I pray that our cultural norms propagating the idea that a real man is a sexual stud, a real woman is a sexual object, and that sex is a recreational act to be challenged on every level. The Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism (SECTT) is dehumanizing and degrading.

Lord, I pray that all would recognize that normalizing this behavior is connected to the creation of a sexually violent rape culture. I pray that mindsets will change, and lives will be saved.

Lord, I pray for the restoration of the family unit. You created the family unit to be a protective covering for children. You intended marriages to thrive in examples of true love. You intended that in the home children would find all their basic needs met and be nurtured and protected.

Lord, I pray that You would “restore the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers” (Malachi 4:6a). I pray for a restoration of protection and loving care for all our children. I pray for healing and wholeness. Amen.

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Day 9 Dominican Republic: Psalm 94:16-17

While many people travel to the Dominican Republic to experience the beautiful beaches and coastal resorts, others are drawn by the easy access to commercial sexual exploitation of local children. Not only is this sexual exploitation immoral and offensive to You, but it is also unlawful. Some seek to profit by luring vulnerable children, including the large population of undocumented or stateless persons of Haitian descent in the country, into forced labor and sexual exploitation.

Who will rise against the evildoers? Who will stand against the workers of iniquity? We respond by lifting our voices and standing in the gap on their behalf.

We pray for the prosecution of the evildoers and workers of iniquity in the Dominican Republic who exploit vulnerable children through sexual assaults and other forms of violence instead of empowering and protecting them. Expose the government employees who are complicit in human trafficking when they should be protecting the vulnerable.

We pray that the government be more intentional in prosecuting pedophiles and all forms of human trafficking cases. May all offenders be investigated, prosecuted, and held accountable for their grievous deeds.

We pray for protection and provisions for the victims and that the government will be more proactive in identifying sexually exploited children among vulnerable groups and ensuring that available services are accessible.

We pray for shelter, assistance, social services for endangered children, psychological help, and legal representation. We pray for their physical and spiritual needs so they may know Jesus and the grace, restoration, and wholeness found only in Him.

We pray for educational campaigns to raise awareness of the risks and dangers of the Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism (SECTT) as well as hotlines for reporting cases of human trafficking and gender-based violence.

We pray that all children of the Dominican Republic may know You as Father and grow up experiencing all You have created them to be in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Day 10 Judges 19:29-30

SECTT: The pervasive psychological cost

Dear Lord, Our God, Your children are crying out to You for restoration, to be made whole again.

The Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism (SECTT)

is a global issue. Over one million children are trafficked for the sex trade every year. The U.S. accounts for 52 percent of global human trafficking with sex trafficking of minors accounting for the largest percentage. Survivors of SECTT live with the lingering psychological effects of sexual trauma.

In our scripture, an unnamed young girl, a concubine, is brutally raped and abused. In the aftermath, her body is cut into 12 pieces and distributed to the 12 tribes of Israel. Like the girl in the story, survivors of SECTT find their lives broken into pieces representing the psychological effects of repeated sexual and physical abuse.

Repeated assaults are relived in thoughts and nightmares that disrupt the ability to rest or think clearly on nearly a daily basis. Relationships with others are difficult at best and their ability to trust others is nearly impossible. Innocent comments or a touch from others become a trigger for uncontrollable fear and anxiety. Feelings of guilt and shame are pervasive and may lead to clinical depression and thoughts of suicide. Self-medication with alcohol and other drugs are common attempts to numb the psychological pain.

Avoidance of others and intimate relationships leads to further isolation, loneliness, and despair. Risky sexual behaviors and aggressiveness also become ineffective and dangerous expressions of psychological distress. The mind becomes as scattered as the pieces of the concubine in this tale.

Father God, survivors of SECTT are seeking safe space from predators who would seek to draw them back into a life of sexual exploitation. Protect them from the judgement of others. Help us to understand their anxiety and refrain from reinforcing their feelings of shame.

We pray that mental health care be made readily available and economically accessible. Let us become effective advocates for legislation that protects children and ensures provision of assistance to survivors of SECTT. We pray that the legal system identifies survivors as victims and not criminals. Challenge us to educate ourselves to recognize the signs of SECTT and speak up when we see them. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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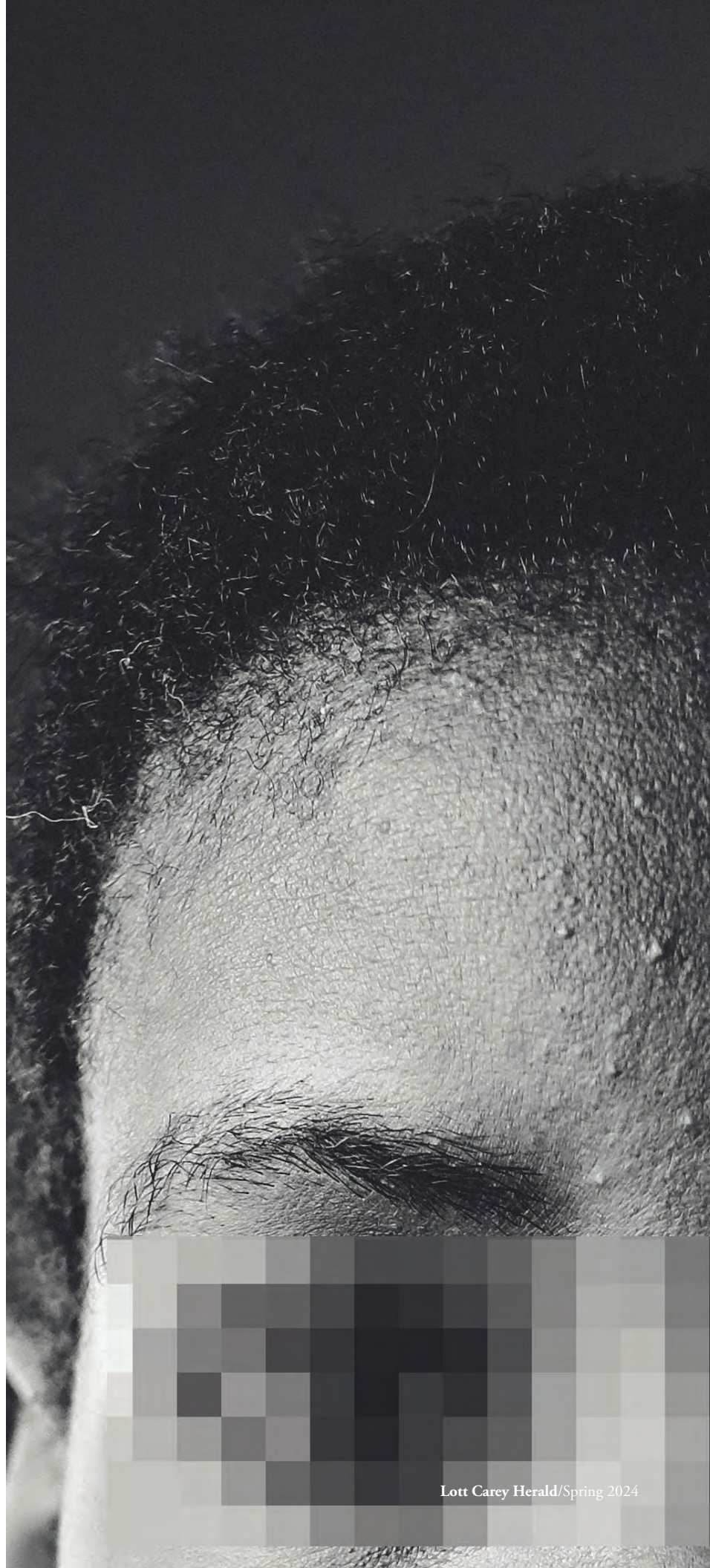
Day 11 Ethiopia: Jeremiah 1:5

Dear Lord Jesus,
I come before You as the God of our esteemed queen mother, Walatta Petros. She exemplified unwavering faith, forsook worldly comforts, riches, and elite status to dedicate herself to the noble work of Your kingdom. Through Your holy person, our great-grandmother of many centuries ago, Kresto Samra, founded communities devoted to both the physical and spiritual well-being of our people.

Lord, I am grateful for the timeless wisdom embedded in Your words, as expressed in Jeremiah 1:5. My heart overflows with gratitude for the mercy You continue to bestow upon Ethiopia, even amid recent civil unrest, reminiscent of the shelter You provided to Mary and Joseph in their time of need.

As the God of eternal love, I humbly beg You to *sawwara* ("shield" in Ge'ez) our sons and daughters in Ethiopia from the evil intentions of travelers and tourists engaged in sexual exploitation. May those already affected find a helping hand, healing, and comfort, while the criminals face just punishment and shame. With heartfelt thanks, I acknowledge Your graciousness in answering my prayers. Ase (Amen).

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Day 12 Ghana: Matthew 18:5-6, 10

Our God of mercy and compassion, with grateful hearts we raise our voices in unified praise of Your holy name for the grace we receive, although we are undeserving.

We cry out to You, O Lord, about the beautiful children of Ghana. Our children are unclothed, without shelter, and abused. Out of need, they fall prey to people from foreign lands who lure our innocent ones into their wicked traps with false promises of comforts and wealth.

Turn Your eyes upon us, O Lord, and give us a discerning spirit to recognize abuse among our children. Give us the courage not to turn a blind eye, to speak up for the voiceless and defend the defenseless. Grant us wisdom and the resources to be the change that is needed, not only in Ghana, but throughout the world.

O God, we plead Your divine protection over our children. Raise among us responsible individuals who build up communities with concern for the safety and well-being of our children. Turn strangers into angels who watch over our children as only nurturing parents would. And Lord, we pray for forgiveness and reformation for those who cause pain and destruction to children in our society, reminded of Your word in Matthew 18.

Lord, we know that whatever is intended for our destruction, only You can reclaim and restore for our good. This is our unwavering faith in the mercy and everlasting love that we are assured by the sacrifice of Jesus, our Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

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Day 13 Guyana: Exodus 3:8

Precious God, we call on You as we plead for our children who are hurting in Guyana. The number of reported cases of child abuse is increasing each year and so many of them suffer from physical, emotional, and sexual abuse. Lord, we need Your help.

Lord, we thank You for the various agencies that are working to protect our children and to bring perpetrators to justice, but You know the shortcoming of these agencies, and many are not equipped to deal with the number of cases and the complexity of the situations that our children are in.

Lord, we pray for Your intervention and that You increase the capacity of these agencies and institutions and government and civic leaders and all persons who make decisions regarding the care and protection of our children. Lord, we pray that You increase their capacity to love our children, their capacity to give good service that will help children heal from trauma, their capacity to provide protection so our children will be in places that are safe, and we ask, Jehovah Jireh, that You would provide these agencies with the funding needed to provide these services.

Lord, we pray especially for children in the hinterland regions of Guyana where services are few and very difficult to access. We also pray for the children of persons seeking refuge in Guyana especially for the teenagers who are being targeted for trafficking.

O Lord, hear the cries of our children. We look to You from whence cometh our help; help our children of this dear land of Guyana. Set them free from all forms of injustice and encircle them with Your loving



care. Break the cycle of abuse in this nation and bring wholeness to our children and to our land.

We say thanks in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sis. Jackqueline Daley

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Day 14 Haiti: Psalm 123

Amid turmoil, we lift our hearts in prayer for Haiti. May the shadows of unrest be replaced with the light of peace in 2024. We pray for safety for all the people who are suffering due to physical, sexual, and spiritual torture on every level.

We pray for Haiti to find stability and a government dedicated to the well-being of all its citizens—men and women, as well as our most vulnerable children. Grant strength to the people, shielding them from the pain and danger inflicted by violence.

We ask that You wrap a blanket of safety around them, shielding

them from hurt, harm, and danger. May the winds of peace gently sweep through the land, bringing tranquility to every corner. In these challenging times, we pray that hope endures. And may the path ahead lead to a haven of peace for all.

Let hope rise. May a better future dawn upon this resilient nation. Amen.

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Day 15 *India: Matthew 18:5-7*



Dear Lord, we pray for the sexually exploited children in India, including children who are abused by travelers and tourists, a country where one out of two are sexually abused. They have no one to turn to, except You, dear Lord. Do hear their prayers and heal our country from this satanic influence.

When You were in the world, O Lord, You cared and loved children, and carried them in Your arms and comforted them, as recorded in Psalm 72:12-14 KJV: "For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence; and precious shall

their blood be in his sight."

The children of our country need this kind of love and affection, O Lord. Heal the sick minds of the people who abuse children so dear to You. Only You can protect them from the wickedness and vileness of this world in their tender years.

We place the children of India in Thy loving hands, so that You can care for them and protect them against all evils. We ask this in the Holy name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

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Day 16 *Italy: Matthew 18:1-2, 6*

Loving God, when Jesus heard from His disciples the question about greatness in Your Kingdom, He called a child and placed him in their midst giving both little boys and little girls a central position. You love the little ones and care for them.

Here in my country, Italy, there are many who despise the little ones and cause them to stumble and lose their trust in You and in humanity. Children are abused by relatives in their homes and in the streets. During the pandemic, when mobility was limited, those who organized child trafficking were very quick to adapt their activities to the new situation. They promoted indoor sexual exploitation of children and opened alternative dark web channels. The E-Trafficking is based on the enticement of adolescents and this activity is now widespread.

Pedophiles target girls and boys coming to Italy from Eastern Europe and Africa. The latter mostly come alone into Italy crossing the Mediterranean Sea having lost connections with relatives and friends. Their loneliness makes them easy prey for criminals.

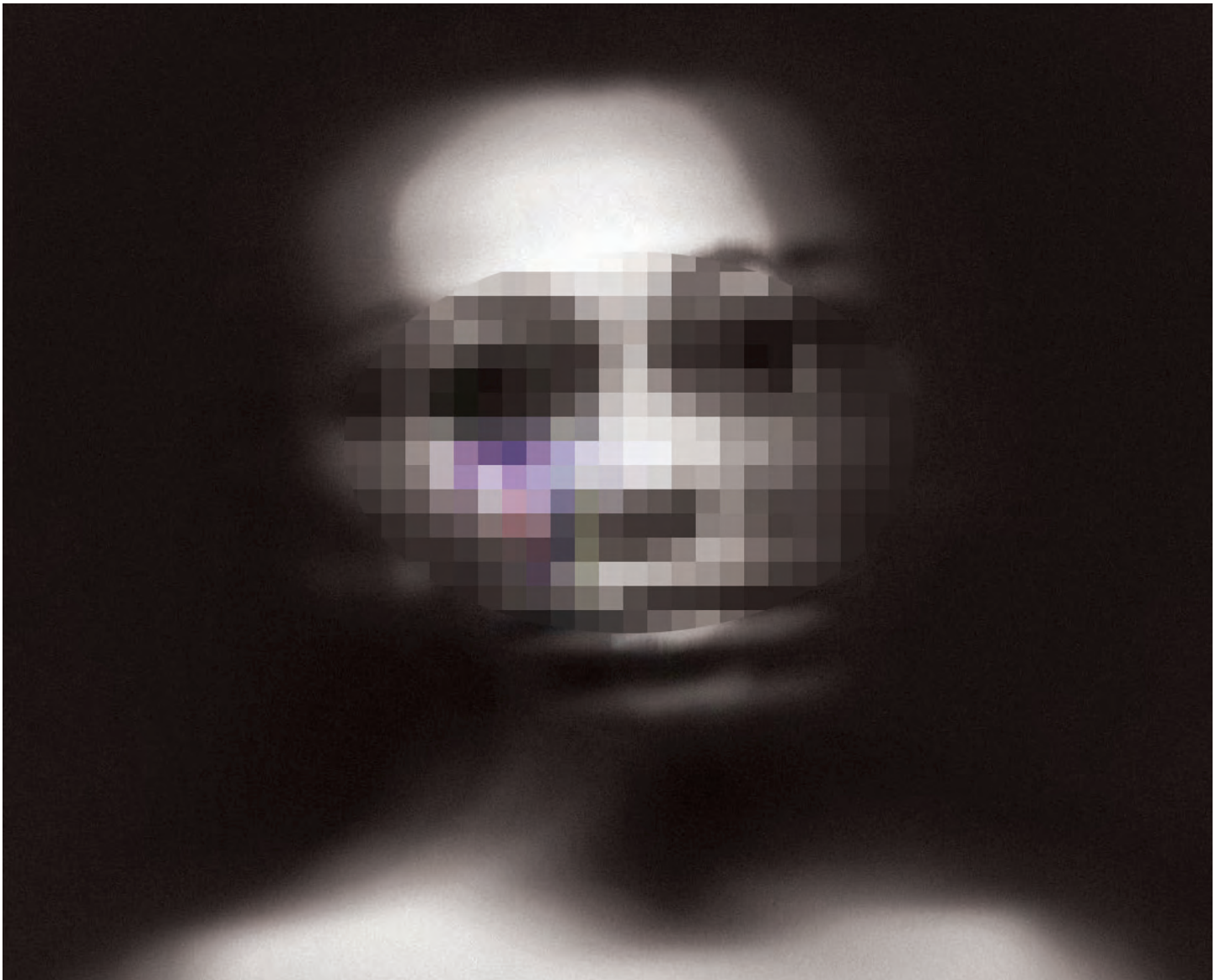
We pray You help us find ways to protect the children from all these dangers. Help us, as parents, grandparents, teachers, church members, social workers, volunteers, and pastors to discern what is going on in their lives; and if they are victims, help them recover.

Be our guide, give us eyes to see and a heart to feel their hidden pain, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Day 17 Romans 8:15

SECTT: The devastating physical price

***H**eavenly Father, we ask You to protect the children who find themselves ensnared in sexual exploitation. Through no fault of their own, their innocence has been betrayed. Predators have gained their trust with gifts, false words, and flattery. Children have been separated from their parents. They have been physically, sexually, and emotionally abused. Forced into situations that are too mature for their small, immature bodies to handle. Lord, let the children feel Your presence through trials and tribulations.*

The physical cost of Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism (SECTT) is high and long-lasting. Proper health maintenance is nonexistent. These children suffer from malnutrition, poor dental hygiene, and an overall lack of care.

Girls who are sexually exploited can become pregnant or contract sexually transmitted diseases. Delayed treatment of infections or unsafe abortions may result in infertility. If these children receive any treatment, it is by people who will not report the perpetrators to law enforcement. Substance abuse may be used by perpetrators to make children compliant with sexual abuse and used by the children to help them cope with guilt and shame.

Repeated trauma to their young bodies may include urinary problems, genital scarring, and reproductive issues. They may develop anxiety, depression, and suicidal thoughts. They may distrust all strangers and not know who to trust.

Bless the children who are surviving the best way they know how. Keep Your promises upon their lips as they continue to pray. Allow them to keep the faith because You are always with them. Bless the parents who long for their children and don't know where they are. Strengthen their faith that, one day, loving families will be reunited.

Lord, touch the hearts of the predators so that their behavior will change.

We know that You hold the world in Your hands and make miracles happen. We ask for all these things in the precious name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Day 18 *Jamaica: Genesis 34: 2-3*

For Wednesday's child on holiday, building castles in the sands; who got a treat from the ice cream man; my children whose throbbing "no touch place" woke them to an under-the-deck spot waves away from "where's my child?" screams . . . I hear you.

For Friday's children doing the paradise island of an auntie's dream destination wedding in an all-inclusive place, mature in body, whose morning found them naked, bruised, bald in spots on a bed and bathroom floor, children clueless that their attacker was the entertainer's friend from the night before who had a guest pass to their door . . . I see you.

For "May 11th Bob Marley died today and something in Me Too died" children who got a blow on the neck and groped from behind in a crowded market as though they were "grab and go" goods . . . I feel you.

Abducted, raped by the man whose daddy held the key to the city's wealth: I was young, new to the area and shopping for an understanding of women's life, unaware that children and women can be currency for many transactions. Wanting to secure our family's future in a new land, my father gave a nod to marriage to my claiming-he-loved-me abuser . . . I know you.

God of all flesh, it's me, Dinah. Since sexual exploitation of children, parental hush money and lavish gifts keep Jamaica's economy afloat, won't You, just, wholly, settle my children, assure. Hear and hold them. Amen.

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Day 19 Kenya: Romans 12:9, 10, 21

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven (Matthew 6:9-10).
O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand (Isaiah 64:8).

It's heartbreaking that there is sexual exploitation of children.

Your Word reminds us: On those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty (1 Corinthians 12:23).

Yet, there is sexual exploitation of children. This should never be.

Enable us Lord, to:

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

Not to be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good (Romans 12:9, 10, 21).

It is imperative we overcome evil and end sexual exploitation of children.

For this is the will of God, our sanctification: that we abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of us know how to control our own body in holiness and honor (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4).

Sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among us, as is proper among saints (Ephesians 5:3).

God, please deliver us from evil (Matthew 6:13). Amen.



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Day 20 Liberia: Deuteronomy 22:25-29

Most gracious and merciful God: According to Your word to the Israelites in Micah 6:8, You have called us and given us the authority to set the captives free and restore peace to the brokenhearted. Your Word encourages us to do what is right, to love mercy and to walk humbly with You. Scripture says sexual exploitation is against Your plan and purpose for mankind. However, it's still going on in the world.

Father God, it is our prayer that the act of sexual exploitation in our homes, communities, churches, and country will come to an end. We pray that the perpetrators of sexual assault be arrested, come to Your saving grace and get to know You for themselves.

It is also our prayer that the victims will be protected, and may they receive the healing that they need to live at peace with themselves. We pray that You will grant courage and bravery to men and women, especially the church, to rise in defense of the vulnerable. We pray that the church will realize that it has been called to set the captives free through words and deeds.

Father God, Your Word tells us that we receive not because we ask not. As we have asked, we thank You for your intervention. Amen.

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Day 21 Malawi: Philippians 4:16



Lord our God, we come to You on behalf of the children and their families who have been, who are currently in, and for those in future danger of sexual exploitation by tourist and travelers.

We pray that government officials continue to improve preventive initiatives, as well as enforcement of laws already on the books, and intensify investigations and prosecutions.

Lord, increase their awareness, and open their eyes to the atrocities being committed everyday against the children. Raise up advocates, agitators, and activist, that have compassionate hearts.

We thank You in advance for being the rock, shade, and hiding place for every boy and every girl being lured into sexual exploitation by strangers touring and traveling into their neighborhoods.

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Day 22 Mozambique: Ephesians 5:11

Let us bow. God, in Your mercy hear our prayer.
Thanksgiving

We come to You, this day, reverencing You for who You are to us.

We recognize You as the giver of life and we recognize You call upon us to help perpetuate life, more abundantly. To create. To live and to be. Thank You for life. Thank You for calling us to a place and time such as this. Let us set aside, for a moment in this space, a time to call on You. A time to call on You to help us and challenge us.

Petition

Our hearts are heavy, with sorrow, God, for all the acts of violence on young children in Mozambique. We grieve. We grieve the loss of their sense of safety and well-being. We grieve the stripping of their God-given right to be safe, protected, and nurtured. We grieve with the families who hurt as well.

As we grieve, we must also call out the injustice and harm of child sex-trafficking. We call out the ones that agree to perpetuate such atrocities. It is still and will always be our responsibility to protect children. It is

our responsibility to call out any injustices. It is our responsibility to listen to children. It is our responsibility to speak truth to power in any form that refuses to prioritize the safety and well-being of children.

We call out the systems both here and afar that benefit the privileged at the expense of children.

We call out the systems that value money over the life of children.

We call out the systems that commodify young, human lives.

We call out the systems that sacrifice humanity for gross pleasure.

We further petition from You, healing. Heal the land. Heal our hearts, O God. Help us see Your good intention for our lives and let us seek it daily.

Closing

God, we ask all these things. Make it so on earth as it is heaven. Amen.

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Only God

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takes a troubling turn. The existing systems are feeble, and protective measures within privately-run orphanages are both undeveloped and unregulated. Frequently, the doors of these institutions are kept open by international donors.

In 2017, the intersection of orphanage tourism and its potential connection to modern-day slavery (particularly the sexual exploitation of children) brought to light significant child protection issues. Orphanage tourists often enjoy unrestricted access, putting the most vulnerable at risk of sexual exploitation. Corruption and exploitation are prevalent in these settings, where tourists, lacking background checks, are permitted to interact, offer personal care, and, in some instances, take children out for the day or even overnight. The absence of proper screening creates ample opportunities for potential sex offenders.

Orphanage trafficking involves relocating children from their biological families to residential care facilities with the intention of subjecting them to sexual exploitation. As a subset of child trafficking, this phenomenon emerges at the convergence of the demand for orphanage tourism opportunities and the recruitment of children to meet this demand. The financial gains derived from visitors and volunteers engaging in illicit sexual activities with minors are staggering.

The Global Slavery Index—published by Walk Free, a human rights organization based in Perth, Australia—has identified orphanage tourism as a direct contributor to sexual exploitation through child trafficking. Strategies aimed at shielding children from sexual exploitation emphasize public awareness campaigns to enhance advocacy and activism.

We are praying for a mighty move of God and significant intervention to elevate awareness and increase advocacy and activism efforts as wise Women In Service Everywhere.

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A prayer for children caught in the web of SECTT

God of the universe, whose heart is filled with compassion for children: We come before You with heavy hearts, lifting up all children who are trapped in the poisonous web of the Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism (SECTT).

We cry out to You as the protector of the vulnerable, the defender of the oppressed, and the healer of wounds. We pray for these precious children who suffer in silence, enduring unimaginable pain and exploitation.

Surround them with Your love and grace, providing them with strength and resilience to face the challenges they encounter. Build a hedge of protection around them, shelter them from harm, and let them feel Your comforting presence in their darkest moments.

We pray that those who perpetrate these heinous acts may be brought to justice. May the systems that contribute to this exploitation be dismantled and may those responsible be held accountable for their actions.

Empower organizations and individuals working tirelessly to rescue and rehabilitate these children. Grant them wisdom, resources, and unwavering determination in their mission to bring healing and restoration to young lives.

Sovereign God, we ask that You touch the hearts of those who contribute to the demand for such exploitation. Open their eyes to the devastating consequences of their actions and lead them to a path of repentance and change.

We pray for a global awakening to the severity of this issue. Inspire governments, churches, communities, and individuals to take decisive action against child exploitation in all its forms. We also pray for a world where all children are loved, celebrated, welcomed, provided for, nurtured, taught, and treated with dignity and respect.

May Your light shine in the darkest corners of the world, exposing this atrocious horror and dispelling the darkness that threatens the well-being of innocent lives. Lord, in Your mercy bring hope, healing, deliverance, and transformation to the lives of these children. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Day 23 *Philippines: Ezekiel 34:16*



Father, thank You for being a friend to the disenfranchised and forgotten. I praise You for keeping the names of those who feel unseen etched in the fabric of Your heart. How Your heart must ache to know that there are individuals whose greed and self-gratification lead to the harm of innocent lives. How it must make You cry to know that the bodies of the souls You sent Your Son to save are being exploited by those who do not acknowledge that they carry Jesus in their being.

As our global community recognizes that the lives of young girls and boys are being destroyed by the impacts of child sex exploitation, this special prayer is for the children of the Philippines.

Father, may You frustrate the operations of those who seek to steal their innocence. May You change hearts filled with wickedness and sexual immorality. Empower and challenge carriers of the Gospel to fight against the systems and industries that create the demand for Your children.

Keep Your children from being exploited. Send Your Holy Spirit to comfort, strengthen and sustain Your precious children who have already been taken captive. As they wrestle with their current reality, may they come to know the promise: I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice (Ezekiel 34:16).

As we fight the global crime of the sexual exploitation of children, Father I trust that the truth of Your Gospel and the justice that it ensures will prevail. If there ever is a child who feels forgotten, send them an unexplainable sense of love and peace. From Philadelphia to the Philippines, this is my prayer. In the saving name of Jesus, Amen.

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Day 24 *Matthew 18:1-7*

SECTT: The need to restore spiritual balance

Loving, caring, and protecting God: We pray for protection and healing of children today. The pure and innocent ones You sent into this world as examples of the way we should come before You, as little children. We lift them up, not because of anything they've done, but because of the evil that is perpetrated upon them from adults who seek to use your treasured gifts as avenues for ill-gotten gain.

We denounce anyone who seeks to use children's bodies, minds, innocence, beauty, and trust as property for the Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism (SECTT) and the fulfillment of dark and evil financial interests.

Strengthen every child, O God, who has been raped, abused, trafficked, and exploited. Strengthen those who are being groomed for this vile offense against humanity. Help us, as caring people, to recognize the signs of children who suffer and provide help as quickly as possible.

O God, we seek protection, deliverance, healing, and justice for our children, and that the perpetrators of this abuse and trauma will be fully prosecuted and held accountable for their evil deeds. Lord God, heal the hearts and minds of Your children, so they might be able to transform their pain into power to help others fight against the wrong in this world.

We understand that this world is not our home . . . that we are just passing through but Lord God as we pass by, we ask that You give us tools to effectively stop this evil. Help Your children know that they are loved, appreciated, cherished and never alone; that You are there, and You care about them.

Help them to know that when they are weak, that's when You are strong in them because Your strength is made perfect in their weakness and Your grace is sufficient for them. We pray for their healing and deliverance, to be set free from the chains that imprison them in this evil world.

We love Your children, and we intercede on their behalf on this day. This is our prayer in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Day 25 *South Africa: Psalm 91:10*

Father, in the name of Jesus I come before You on behalf of our children in South Africa. According to statistics, 40 percent of people forced into sexual exploitation are children, and approximately one out of five children are affected.

I pray for Your mercy and protection over our babies. According to Psalm 91:10, You will give Your angels charge to watch over them. Father, Psalm 127 says that children are a gift from God. We need to take care and protect these precious gifts You have entrusted to us.

So much emotional and physical damage has been done. I pray for complete inner healing and that the perpetrators will be dealt with. Lord, I pray that our government will become more vigilant and attentive to the cry of these children. There are so many that are a part of dysfunctional families that prey upon them.

Thank You, Father for those working tirelessly to save our children. Bless them and help us to do our part. Heal our children. Heal our land, in the mighty name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

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Day 26 *South Sudan: Psalm 10:14 & 15*

Heavenly Father, in the presence of Your boundless love, we come before You with heavy hearts, burdened by the grave issue of Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism (SECTT). We lift our voices in prayer, seeking Your intervention in the face of this profound darkness that engulfs the innocence of our precious children.

Lord, we grieve for the children in our country who fall victim to the sinister schemes of tourists, pimps, and even family members. They are ensnared by the Internet, groomed, and trafficked, often coerced into a life of abuse. We cry out against the sexual terrorists who exploit the vulnerability of these young souls, leaving them in shame and fear, unable to report the abuses they endure. Witnesses are silent and law enforcement is indifferent, further deepening the wounds inflicted on these innocent lives.

The impact of sexual exploitation on a child is immeasurable, Lord. We beseech You for healing for those who suffer severe and lifelong physical, emotional, and psychological damage. May Your comforting presence be a balm to their wounded spirits, bringing restoration and wholeness. Scripture reminds us that You are the defender of the fatherless and the protector of the oppressed (Psalm 10:14). In the face of this pervasive evil, we implore You to be a shield for the vulnerable children in our nation. Strengthen our resolve to be advocates for justice, to break the chains that bind these young ones, and to bring the perpetrators to account.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, empower us to honor His teachings by increasing awareness, advocacy, and activism in our global community. May the light of Your love dispel the darkness of Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism (SECTT), and may we be instruments of Your peace in the lives of these precious children.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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Day 27 *Sweden: Proverbs 24:11-12*

God of love and light, we live in a time when travel and tourism place children in danger. Help us teach young people how to safely navigate resorts and recreational spaces. Help us share our values and provide wisdom.

Help us keep our children from being abused and misused as recreational sexual activities. Help us shape conversations about the damaging and detrimental influences in the world. Help us keep our children healthy and happy.

God of comfort and care, we pray for parents, caregivers, and teachers, shaping children's lives. Help them model healthy relationships, boundaries, and safe behavior. Help them as they deepen their knowledge of child development and the ways they can lead children to adulthood, while showing respect for each other and keeping them away from hurt, harm, and danger.

God of life, lead us to act. We trust You to guide and govern our elected leaders, lawmakers, and legislators. Help them to listen with caring hearts to youth, youth workers, advocates, and social service providers sharing stories of abuse, sexual exploitation and trafficking of children, and homeless youth. Help them to help us create a safer world while recognizing our civil and moral obligation to stop sexual predators from preying on our children. Amen.

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Day 28 *Thailand: Proverbs 31:8*

Dear Lord, we come interceding on behalf of the voiceless children in Thailand who are being sexually exploited by pedophiles traveling and touring countries for this peculiar proclivity. We are standing on Your promises related to the power of prayer.

You said we could bind things on earth, and You would bind them in heaven, (Matthew 16:19). We come binding the power and privilege that allows pedophiles with means to hide their appetites by traveling abroad and taking advantage of the less fortunate who cannot exercise sovereignty over their own bodies.

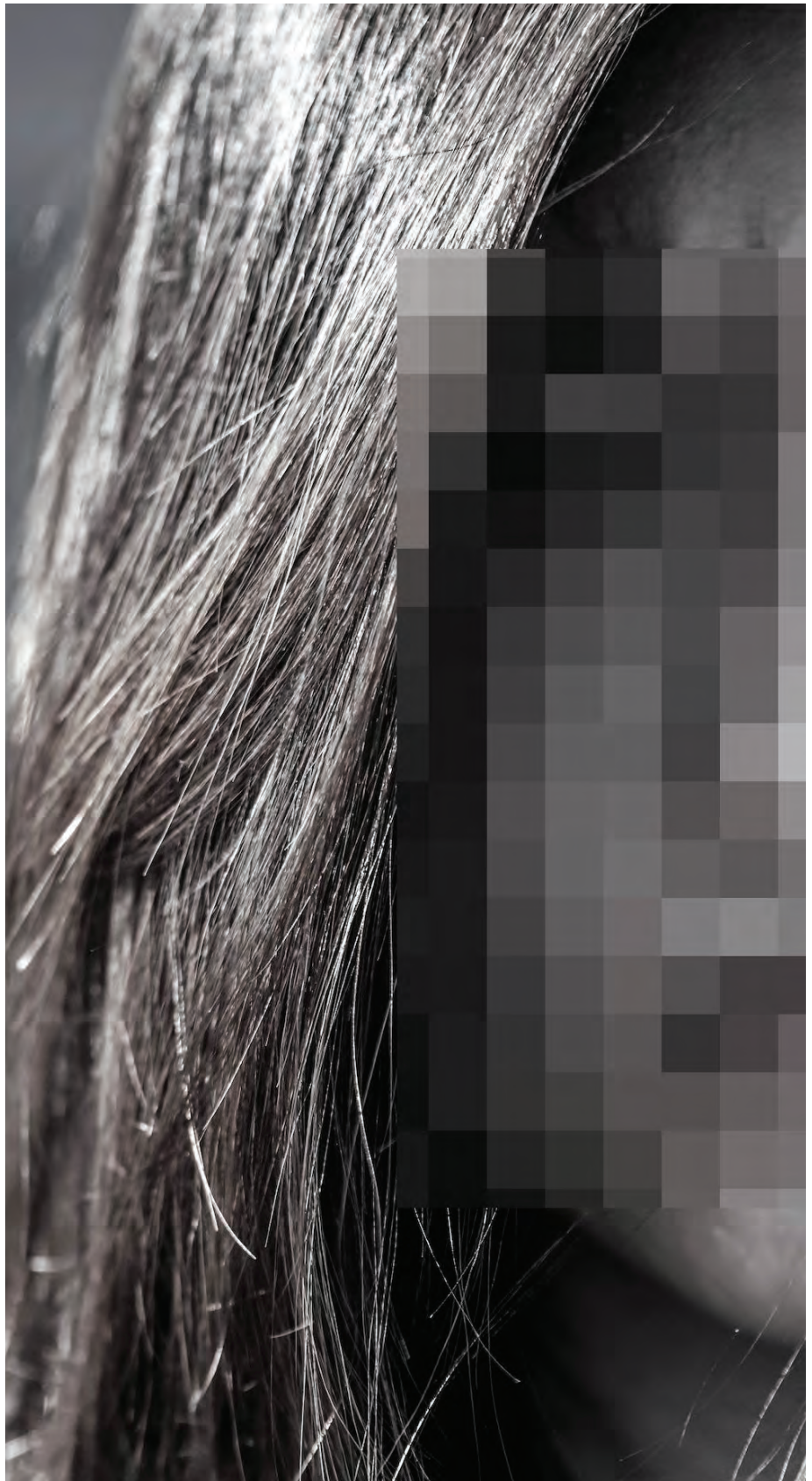
Through the prophet Isaiah, You instructed us to fast and pray “to loosen the chains of injustice,” (Isaiah 58:6). Please make a way for families searching for missing children and for victims hoping and praying to be rescued or to find a way to escape.

Heighten the observation powers of bystanders. Cause them to see the faces of children who have been reported missing. Convict them to call hotlines so families can be reunited. Remove guilt and shame from victimized children. Cause them to see themselves as You see them.

Your Word declares “nothing is hidden that won’t be revealed,” (Luke 12:2). Please expose tourism-related services that facilitate contact with children for sexual predators to law enforcement officials so they can be shut down.

In Jesus’ name, we thank You in advance for making it increasingly difficult for child molesters to maintain anonymity. Amen.

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Day 29 Togo: Galatians 5:16-21

Lord, we pray that, as more children are suffering from hunger,
 As more children are exposed to sexual exploitation in Togo, West Africa,
 As more children are forced to use their bodies to provide for their basic needs,
 As more children are sold into sex trafficking by parents to provide for their family's needs . . .

Lord, we ask that You save these children from harm, that they may find solace in Your arms.

Lord, we ask that You protect these children from predators, surround them with Your Holy Ghost fire.

Lord, we ask that You deliver these children from evil, the visible and invisible.

And Lord, we ask that You heal these children physically, emotionally, spiritually, and psychologically.

Lord, we pray that You shield these children from crimes that often go unpunished. Bring them to a safe place where they may experience Your love and mercy.

Lord, give these children new hope that they may know and witness Your unconditional love.

And let them not be forsaken by your people.

Lord, we ask that You bring home any children who were sold into sexual exploitation in travel and tourism in Togo.

We ask that You wipe the tears from the eyes of parents who do not know their children's whereabouts and be a guiding star to bring these children home to their parents. Lord, there is nothing impossible for You.



We pray that You fortify and bless anyone working tirelessly to help these children. Let them not lose hope and tire of doing Your work. Lord, we ask all this in Your almighty name. Amen.

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Day 30 Zimbabwe: Judges 5:7

The people of Israel were in dark days when the Canaanites, led by Sisera, oppressed them. Deborah's rise to power ushers in a positive change as she accepts the divine assignment. She was a judge over Israel and delivered prophetic messages of liberation to God's people.

In Zimbabwe, as in other parts of the world, the current political dispensation calls for the rise of Deborah-like leaders: deaths of innocent people in war, religious violence, gender-based violence, human trafficking, and child labor . . . all call for prophetic and wise leadership prepared to name and shame perpetrators.

Women in Service Everywhere (WISE), arise and fight against the Siseras of our times:

- Say "no" to gender-based violence, rape, and human trafficking.
- Stamp out all forms of anxiety that may lead to drug/substance abuse.
- Challenge all forms of physical, psychological, verbal abuse of women through oppressive traditions such as child marriages,

deprivation of education for girls, and domestication of women.

Arise and Shine Deborahs—contribute to the prosperity of the land you are living in.

Prayer

Create in me a clean heart, O Lord, and help me to have the faith and courage to overcome any fears. Lord, in a world of uncertainty, help us to put our trust in You. Guide all women in ministry as we raise our prophetic voices amidst the ills of our time. Help us be strong, brave, wise, supportive, obedient, respected, and impeccable as Deborah. For you, Lord God, have not given us the spirit of fear but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Day 31 Psalm 127:3

SECTT: Comprehensive rescue of our children needed now

Loving and compassionate God, You are the God who cares about all You have made from the youngest to the oldest. Each one of us is important and loved by You. I first discovered how precious children are to You through the words of a song that says:

*Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Red and yellow, black and white
They are precious in His sight*

Indeed, all children are of inestimable worth to You and should be valued and treated as such by everyone. In our world, God, many of our children are not valued; they are vulnerable and are being sexually exploited by those who leave their countries of origin and travel to have sex with them. They become victims of those who connect with them on the internet and lure them through the promise and giving of gifts, drugs, and alcohol into prostitution, pornography, phone sex, and private parties.

When a child is abused and exploited in this way, they experience physical, psychological, and emotional harm that may affect them for a lifetime. They are made to feel so ashamed by this victimization that they remain and live in a prison of solitude.

God, this is no way for a child or anyone to live. You created each child with purpose, destiny, and unlimited possibilities for their lives. Each one needs to know that they are special, have worth, are loved, and cared for.

God, help us to take seriously the saying that “it takes a village to raise a child.” Teach us to be more attentive to the needs of our children and all those who are around us, especially those who are marginalized and the most vulnerable. When we see something, don’t allow us to refrain from saying something. Empower us to make every effort to protect children and advocate for every country to criminalize and punish the perpetrators.

In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

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- District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia Resurrection Monday Services, Monday, April 1, 2024, 12 noon ET and 7 p.m. ET.
Both services will be held in-person.
- 2024 Spring Missions Conference, April 18-19, 2024, Fountain Baptist Church, Summit, New Jersey.
- 19th Anti-Trafficking Prayer Service and Jumping4Justice Double Dutch Revival, May 11, 2024, 11 a.m. ET– 4 p.m. ET,
Fountain Baptist Church, Summit, New Jersey.
- 69th Annual Youth Seminar, June 22-27, 2024 (details forthcoming).
- 127th Lott Carey Annual Session, August 12-15, 2024, Memphis, Tennessee.

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