



25 IN 25

**A PRAYER JOURNEY WITH
INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION**



WELCOME

Welcome to your **'25 in 25'** prayer journey with International Justice Mission (IJM)!

Together with Christians across the UK, you're about to embark on a 25-day prayer journey – learning more about slavery and violence and seeking God's heart for justice in 2025.

Here at IJM, we know how powerful prayer is. We've seen God act in the most extraordinary ways in response to prayer – enabling IJM to work with police and partners to **BRING OVER 98,600 PEOPLE TO SAFETY** from slavery and violence and seeing **SLAVERY REDUCE BY UP TO 86%** in places where we've worked.

Persisting in prayer isn't always easy, especially for issues as vast and brutal as slavery and violence. That's why **'25 in 25'** will help break down these issues and walk with you in prayer as together we seek to bring freedom, justice and hope into the world's darkest places.

Each day, you'll be briefly **introduced to an area of IJM's work** that urgently needs breakthrough, before turning to God, guided by **prayers from a variety of church leaders and IJM partners**. Please be aware that some of the content may be difficult to read. If God lays a particular area on your heart, there are **opportunities to dig deeper** throughout the resource.

As you begin, you may want to pause and consider how you can use this booklet in a way that works best for you. For some, it might be helpful to print it out and pop it in your Bible or journal. For others, choosing a set time each day could be a helpful rhythm – you could even set an alert for 25 minutes past the hour!

However you decide to take part, we hope that this journey serves and blesses your desire to pray for justice and brings you closer to God's heart.

Thank you for praying with us for a world where all are free,



KATH JOHNSON

Church and Community Mobilisation Lead, IJM UK

WE ARE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

Right now, 12 million children are trapped in slavery around the world. That's more than the population of London.

International Justice Mission (IJM) is a global organisation working to protect people from slavery and violence.

We are a global team of lawyers, social workers, activists, survivors, and supporters like you.



We partner with local authorities to **BRING PEOPLE TO SAFETY** from slavery and violence.



We help survivors **HEAL AND BUILD STRONG FUTURES** with trauma-informed care.



We work to ensure **PERPETRATORS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE**, enabling justice for survivors and stopping the cycle of violence by preventing future harm.



We work with authorities to **STRENGTHEN JUSTICE SYSTEMS AND PROTECT** people from ever being exploited or abused in the first place.

TOGETHER WE CAN STOP SLAVERY AND VIOLENCE.



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Day 1

THEME: Forced scamming

Forced scamming is a new, complex and fast-growing form of modern slavery.

Right now, thousands of victims are being tricked, trafficked, trapped in guarded compounds in South East Asia and forced to scam people like you and me, under the threat of extreme violence and electrocution.

Interpol announced that forced scamming is now a global crisis 'representing a serious and imminent threat to public safety.' Forced scamming affects us all, and it's urgent that it ends.

Today let's be bold in our prayers, asking for God to bring forced scamming to an end.

PRAYER: By Rachel Dhillon, 24-7 Prayer Scotland

Heavenly Father, today we pray for your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. We ask for your justice to come across the nations. Lord, please bring comfort to people who are broken-hearted, lonely or lost. Please surround them with your presence.

Father God, please help us to see people the way that you see them. Break our hearts for what breaks yours, that we may be people who bring your comfort to those around us.

In Jesus' mighty name,

Amen.

DIG DEEPER: To learn more about forced scamming, as a way of deepening your prayers, visit our website: IJMUK.org/forced-scamming



Day 2

THEME: Online sexual abuse and exploitation of children

Online sexual abuse and exploitation is one of the darkest forms of human trafficking. Children in countries like the Philippines are being abused for sex offenders around the world, including the UK, to watch online.

Approximately 1 in every 100 children in the Philippines was trafficked to create new child sexual exploitation materials in 2022, according to a study by IJM and the University of Nottingham Rights Lab. Shockingly, according to the UK National Crime Agency, the UK is the third largest global consumer of livestreamed abuse.

RUBY* is living proof that God answers prayer today and brings his people out of the darkest situations.

After the death of her parents, Ruby was **tricked by traffickers** who offered her a job in a computer shop. But when she arrived, Ruby was trapped and locked in a house with a guard outside. She was sexually abused live over the internet for sex offenders around the world to watch online.

One night, in desperation, Ruby cried out, ***‘Lord, if you’re real, get me out of here!’*** The very next day, IJM and local police brought Ruby and five other girls to safety. Thanks to Ruby’s testimony, the traffickers were arrested and eventually sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Today, Ruby is a **powerful advocate** for ending this crime. She has experienced so much freedom that she chose to forgive the perpetrators – even praying for them at the back of the courtroom after their conviction.

“I am a living testimony of God’s immeasurable love. Indeed, we have a great God who is able to turn each of our painful stories into powerful testimonies.”



Pray today for freedom for every child who is being trafficked and abused. Please pray for God to convict the hearts of every perpetrator of online sexual abuse in the UK and around the globe.

PRAYER: *By Rick Hill, Council for Mission in Ireland within the Presbyterian Church*

God of Justice, Saviour to all, we bring before you those who have started life from a disadvantaged place, simply because of the circumstances into which they were born. We thank you for your heart for those trapped in slavery and violence.

You are the God who sees and the God who frees. Just as you have lifted each of us and given us a new song to sing, we ask that you would lift those who suffer and write a fresh story for their life. Where there is trauma bring healing, where there is suffering bring hope, and may those trapped in slavery and situations of violence know freedom.

Help us to use and steward our resources in ways that reflect your heart for justice.

Freely we've received, now freely may we give.

Amen

DIG DEEPER: To learn more about Ruby's journey and her incredible advocacy today, listen to this powerful podcast: [LJMUK.org/FindingRuby](https://www.ljmuk.org/FindingRuby)

Day 3

THEME: Sex trafficking

Human trafficking generates more than £100 billion a year – two-thirds of which comes from sex trafficking. This form of modern slavery sees traffickers coerce or deceive another person, most often women and children, into sexual exploitation for their profit. Simply put, sex trafficking makes a business out of sexual violence.

IJM works to combat sex trafficking in the UK, Romania, Kenya, the Philippines and across South Asia. We pray today for sex trafficking to decrease so much that our work in these countries is no longer necessary.

PRAYER: By Heather Ryan, Compassion & Justice Pastor, Verso Vineyard, St Albans

Father, where we can often feel hopeless when we look at the injustices around us, we pray God that you, the source of hope, will fill us completely with joy and peace through your Holy Spirit.

I ask that as we trust you, we do so expectantly, believing that you can and will move in these situations. Fill us to overflowing with confident hope through the power of your Holy Spirit that we might be your hands and feet, and empower us to bring your healing and justice in our communities.

Amen

*Scripture reference: **Romans 15:13***



Day 4

THEME: PRAISE GOD for 98,600+ people brought to safety

Since IJM was established over 27 years ago, we've worked with police and partners to bring tens of thousands of children, women and men to safety from slavery and violence.

Each person is unique, precious, and known by God, and their freedom is an answer to prayer.

PRAYER: By Emily Lord, GB Prayer Room and Marketing Lead, 24-7 Prayer

Jesus, thank you that you are faithful.

In you we have confidence that you will complete what you have begun. We pray, "Come Holy Spirit", fill us with hope as we partner with you, seeking your kingdom in the communities around us.

We pray for justice to be restored, and for a world where people serve rather than oppress, give rather than take, and build one another up rather than tear each other down.

Amen



Day 5

THEME: Trafficking in the UK and across Europe

Did you know that nearly two million people are trapped in slavery in Europe – including the UK?

IJM has been working to protect people from trafficking in Europe since 2019. Many of our cases involve women trafficked from Romania to the UK for sexual exploitation.

When **MARA* fell in love** with a young man online, it seemed her dreams of a better life were finally coming true.

The man invited Mara to move from Romania to live with him in the UK. But when she arrived, **he trafficked her for sexual exploitation.**

For months, night after night, Mara was taken from one city to another across the UK and sexually exploited. Mara lived in **constant fear, suffering extreme physical abuse,** while the traffickers spent the money she earned on parties, cars, houses, and designer clothes.

After almost a year, Mara managed to escape. The perpetrators tried to flee the country but were caught by UK police. At the beginning of 2023, thanks to Mara's testimony and IJM's support, the **traffickers were found guilty.**



Pray today for women trapped in slavery in the UK. Please pray that IJM would continue to work effectively with local police forces to locate and bring these women to safety.

PRAYER: *By Christian Selvaratnam*, Dean of Church Planting, St Hild's

God of hope – who sent Jesus Christ as our hope – we come to you for those silenced by injustice. Give us courage to speak up, especially for those trapped in the darkness of human trafficking. May your Spirit strengthen us to be agents of justice, defending those who are oppressed and standing against the exploitation of people who are vulnerable.

And Father, plant in our hearts a deep commitment to your justice and give us eyes to see the needs of those around us. Make us vessels of your love, compassion, and mercy.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

Scripture reference: **Proverbs 31:8**

DIG DEEPER: Find out more about IJM's work in Europe:

[IJMUK.org/european-anti-trafficking-programme](https://ijmuk.org/european-anti-trafficking-programme)

Day 6

THEME: Protecting refugees fleeing Ukraine

War in Ukraine has put millions more women and children in Europe at risk of trafficking. Forced to flee their homes, many refugees are now scattered across Europe and vulnerable to false offers of work or housing.

IJM was amongst the first organisations working on the border between Romania and Ukraine when the war erupted, helping to protect vulnerable women and children from being exploited. Thanks to the support and prayers of people like you, we've protected thousands of people from trafficking and we're continuing to provide essential support.

Pray today for refugees in Europe, that they might be kept safe from the trauma of trafficking.

PRAYER: By Hannah Smith, G2 Church Leader, York

Father God, you have given us authority to bind up broken hearts and to proclaim freedom for people trapped in slavery. May we be people who stand in this authority.

Hear our prayers, Lord, and release those who are trapped in darkness. Will this be the year of the Lord's favour. Send your angels into situations where there seems to be no hope and let there be light again.

Amen



>> Hannah has recorded this video to pray alongside you now:

IJMUK.org/hannah



Day 7

THEME: Slavery in supply chains

Over 50 million people are trapped in slavery right now. Shockingly, it's likely that many of the everyday products we use here in the UK have slavery in their supply chains – everything from coffee and chocolate to mobile phones and clothing.

17-year-old **ADHIR** was exploited in order to make shoe soles in a factory in South Asia. Adhir was forced to work 16-hour days and frequently subjected to violence.

Adhir remembers, ***“We worked with rubber soles which had to be dipped in strong and pungent chemicals. All of us lived in a small room within the factory building and there was just nowhere to go.”***

IJM supported law enforcement, local government, and partners to bring Adhir to safety.

Today, after receiving **trauma-informed care** from IJM, Adhir is free from exploitation, has completed his education, and has a stable job in a hospital.



Pray for UK businesses to commit to making their supply chains free from exploitation, so that people like Adhir are not trafficked in the first place.

PRAYER: By Andrew Blyth, Team Rector & Lead Pastor, Trinity Church Cheltenham

Almighty God,

In humility, we come in response to your thundering cry for freedom, love and mercy, to confess our connections to the systems and injustices of this world which bind others into poverty and slavery. In the hope only you give, we come knowing we are called to share in Jesus' work to bring freedom for captives and release for prisoners.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we come seeking courage to be your hands and feet. In and through Christ,

Amen

*Scripture reference: **Isaiah 61:1***

DIG DEEPER: Find out what you can do to help stop slavery in supply chains:

[IJMUK.org/slavefree](https://ijmuk.org/slavefree)

Day 8

THEME: Survivor leaders

IJM is privileged to partner with the **Global Survivor Network (GSN)** – an international group of survivors shaping and leading the movement to stop slavery and violence. People with lived experiences have unique insights into how to stop violence and it's vital that we listen to them. As the GSN says: **'a survivor-led movement will change the world.'**

"When survivors are at the table where decisions are made, change happens."

VICTORIA is a founding member of the GSN and Women in Action for Women, a Ugandan organisation that provides vocational and business skills training to women and young people. She also currently works as a consultant for IJM.

As a schoolgirl, Victoria was abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army and held captive for eight years. After she escaped with her children, Victoria began sharing her story and amplifying the stories of other survivors on local, national, and international platforms.

Among her many achievements, Victoria facilitated more than 500 women to successfully petition the Parliament of Uganda to address the plight of survivors of sexual violence and war in northern Uganda. To recognise her outstanding contribution in protecting women, Victoria received the 2019 Amnesty International's Ginetta Sagan Award for Women's and Children's Rights.



Praise God for the courage of survivor leaders like Victoria and pray that their advocacy would shift the hearts and attitudes of people around the world, including those in power.

PRAYER: *By Victoria Nyanjura - Founding member of the Global Survivor Network and women's rights advocate in Uganda*

Oh God, bestow upon us the strength to stand and to speak against injustice and cruelty, so the voices of the many oppressed can be heard. Let hope be our guiding star for healing.

In the halls of power and in the rooms of decision, guide us, O Lord, to influence with precision.

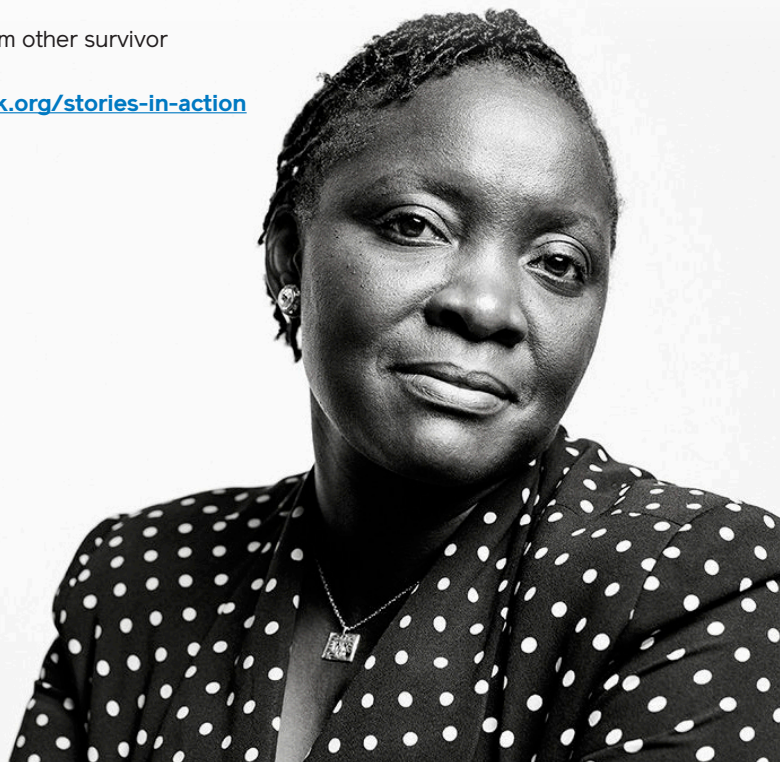
Lord, grant governments and organisations the insight to listen to the lived experiences of survivors and to transform wrongs into right through the reshaping of policies.

May the survivors' prayer echo in every nation, a plea for justice, peace, and restoration,

Amen.

DIG DEEPER: Hear from other survivor leaders like Victoria:

globalsurvivornetwork.org/stories-in-action



Day 9

THEME: Child trafficking

12 million children are trapped in slavery today. That's the equivalent of every child in England and Wales.

IJM works with local authorities and communities to protect children from trafficking around the world, including in Ghana where many children are trafficked to work in the fishing industry on Lake Volta. These children are forced to do dangerous work, like diving deep into the lake to untangle fishing nets, and often experience physical punishment and abuse.

In the words of Jerry, a survivor of child trafficking in Ghana and an advocate for an end to child trafficking, ***"We call on government and all leaders to support the police and Department of Social Welfare to rescue all our brothers and sisters who have been trafficked."***

Will you join us in praying for the millions of children who are trafficked and trapped in exploitation in Ghana and around the world?

PRAYER: By *Kath Johnson*, Church and Community Mobilisation Lead, IJM UK

Loving Heavenly Father, just like you saw Hagar in her distress, you see every child who is trapped in a situation of slavery and violence across the globe and your heart is moved. We ask that many more children would be brought to safety and experience freedom so they can heal and thrive.

Thank you that you see each one of us, and want to use us in your kingdom plan to bring human flourishing to every child, woman and man. Please use each of us to pray and take action until every child is free.

Amen

Scripture reference: **Genesis 16:13**



DIG DEEPER: Watch the story of Courage Hope, a survivor of child trafficking and leader of his local chapter of the Global Survivor Network:

[IJMUK.org/GSN-hope](https://ijmuk.org/GSN-hope)

Day 10

THEME: Perpetrators of slavery and violence

While we pursue God's justice here on earth and celebrate more than 7,200 court convictions, we also recognise the complexity that perpetrators of violence are also made in God's image.

It can be so difficult to know how or even want to pray for traffickers and people who cause so much pain. But as followers of Jesus, we look to his words to help us.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - **Matthew 5:43-44 (ESV)**

We therefore choose to do as Jesus commands us – to pray even now for traffickers and perpetrators of violence and abuse, that they would be led to repentance through the Holy Spirit, that justice would be established, and they too would be able to experience the loving mercy of God.

PRAYER: *By Rich Johnson, New Wine England Leader and Vicar of All Saints Worcester*

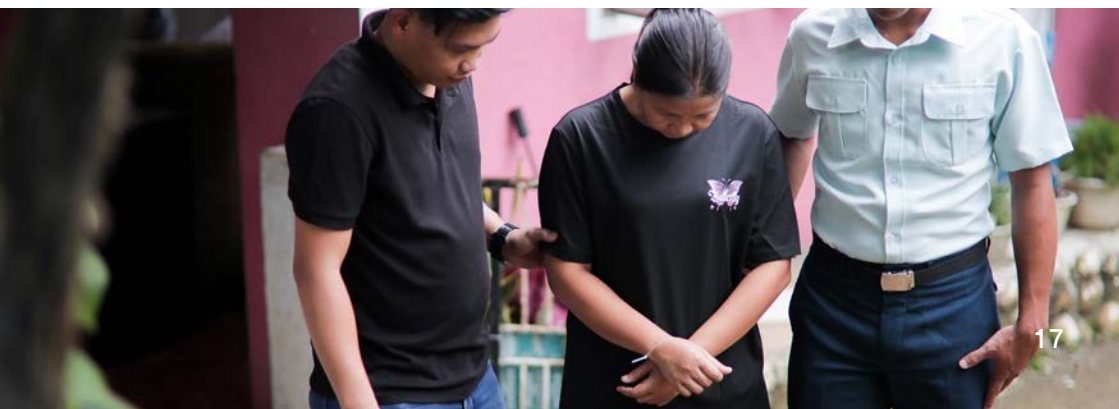
Father, may you break our hearts for the plight of your children, trapped in slavery all around the world.

Jesus, remind us of your victory over sin and evil and your power to set people free.

Holy Spirit, stir in us deep faith to contend in prayer, until all are free from oppression.

May we as the people of God never become weary, cynical or apathetic. Keep us bold, courageous and committed to playing our part in seeing justice prevail.

Amen



Day 11

THEME: Cross-border trafficking

Children, women and men are trafficked across international borders for sexual exploitation or forced labour. Climate change and conflicts around the world are driving an increase in cross-border trafficking.

12-year-old **NY*** and 16-year-old **LALIN*** were trafficked from Cambodia into domestic servitude in Malaysia. ***“My employer’s children hit me, pulled my hair and spat in my food. I felt hurt and worthless,”*** Lalin told us.

Imagine being trapped in a foreign country. Abused. Forced to work long hours with little food. Ny was also sexually assaulted:

“I was very scared... I thought of ending my life.”

Ny and Lalin were trapped in slavery in Malaysia for two years until, thanks to the support of people like you around the world, IJM worked with police to bring the girls to safety.

“When they helped me return to Cambodia, I felt reborn.” – Lalin

After two years on the run, the police caught and arrested the trafficker. He was sentenced to 17 years in prison – meaning he can’t harm any more children.



Trafficking knows no borders and can happen to anyone. In 2022, Sir Mo Farah shared that he was trafficked as a child from East Africa into domestic servitude here in the UK. Please pray for increased global collaboration so that trafficking can be ended for good.

PRAYER: *By Gareth MacLean, Church leader, Orangefield Presbyterian Church, Belfast*

Loving Heavenly Father, touch our imaginations and help us see those who are living in turmoil or trauma, those who are in the midst of darkness or danger, those who are feeling lost, lonely or longing for freedom.

Your word, Lord, reminds us that as we fix our hearts and hope on you, the Living God, you renew our strength and cause us to soar on eagles’ wings.

Forgive us when we reduce these words to nothing more than a catchy melody, a trite statement or a prayer we fail to live out.

For those living with darkness, either around them or within, may they know your presence with them Holy Spirit, filling them with strength and hope.

For those living with darkness, either around them or within, may they know your promise Jesus, that one day you will return, wiping every tear and righting every wrong.

Scripture reference: Isaiah 40:31

Day 12

THEME: Bonded labour

Bonded labour is a form of labour trafficking where individuals or whole families are forced to work to repay a debt. Traffickers manipulate, lie about, and add to this debt to trap people in forced labour for years – or even generations.

Bonded labour goes beyond just bad working conditions for little to no pay. Victims may face physical, verbal and sexual abuse, and cannot leave to find other work or protect their families.

Please pray that bonded labour is eradicated across South Asia, and families are released from their false debt so that they can find fulfilling and empowering work.

PRAYER: *By Wole Agbaje, Leader of Imprint Church, London*

Heavenly Father, I thank you for your grace and mercy. I thank you that you see every person who is wounded and oppressed around the world.

Holy Spirit, I pray that you would come and be their light and guide. Would you be their comforter in times of need. And amid sorrow, would they find more and more of you.

Holy Spirit, come and fill them afresh!

Amen

>> Wole has recorded this video to pray alongside you now:

[IJMUk.org/wole](https://www.IJMUk.org/wole)



Day 13

THEME: PRAISE GOD for systemic change

Praise God that we're starting to see whole justice systems transformed and violence prevented before it happens!

It's not enough to bring victims of slavery and violence to safety. We need to protect children, women and men from ever being abused in the first place.

Thanks to the support and prayers of people like you, IJM has worked with authorities and partners to reduce slavery and violence by between 50-86% in more than six places around the world. That means millions more people will never experience slavery and violence.

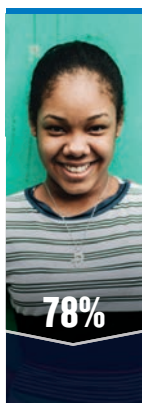
PRAYER: *By Bishop Jill Duff, Bishop of Lancaster and Chair of Trustees for New Wine Trust*

Lord, we thank you for all that you have done in bringing transformation in the nations.

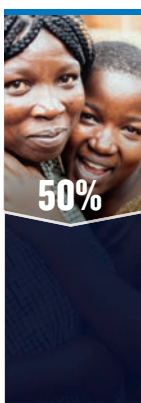
We praise you that you lift those in need and seat them with princes. We ask with ambition for your mighty rivers of justice to flow through our nations, to reshape the landscape. We ask for your kingdom to come and your will to be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.

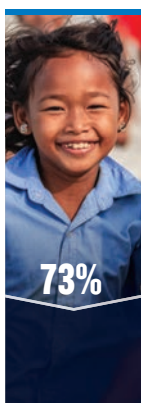
IJM has supported local authorities to **reduce slavery and violence by 50-86%** in more than six jurisdictions around the world.



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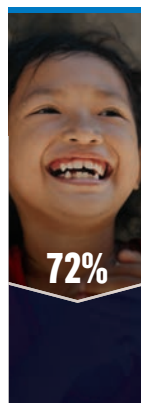
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**PAMPANGA,
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**CEBU,
PHILIPPINES**

Day 14

THEME: IJM partners

We're not made to do this work alone. We've seen that by working through and with local partners around the world, we can reach millions more people who need freedom and justice.

By training and equipping local authorities, local organisations, and churches, we can – together – provide support to far more people trapped in slavery and scale up our response to violence.

Praise God that we've already trained more than 387,584 justice system officials and other community partners, and pray for more partners to join the movement to end slavery once and for all.

PRAYER: By Nicola Moy, Vicar of Christ Church W4, London

Dear God,

Send your Holy Spirit to us afresh that we will wake up daily ready to seek first your kingdom.

Keep us hopeful, remembering and longing for the time when you will come again and every wrong will be righted. Keep us from becoming weary of doing good now and give us courage to keep on speaking out on behalf of people who are oppressed, with hope.

Protect our hope in you and may it flow from the work of your Spirit in our lives, and with our eyes fixed firmly on your kingdom.

Amen



Day 15

THEME: Sexual violence against children

Tragically, children around the world are highly vulnerable to sexual violence. Worldwide, up to 50% of sexual assaults are committed against girls under 16 years old. (*UN Women*)

Girls like four-year-old **TATIANA** in Guatemala who was playing hide-and-seek when a teenage boy trapped her and violently assaulted her.

“He suggested his room would be the perfect place to hide, as no one would find us.”

Now an adult with her own daughter (*pictured together*), Tatiana advocates for an end to sexual violence against children and women as part of an IJM-supported survivor group.

“I invite you to raise your voice and join it with mine. For a world free of violence and full of justice.”

Today let's join our voices with Tatiana as we pray together for children who are affected by sexual violence and ask God to bring each one healing.



PRAYER: By Bishop Alistair Redfern, Chair of The Clewer Initiative

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the freedom we can receive in Jesus. We pray for sisters and brothers trapped in brutal exploitation and violence, and we ask for guidance and courage so that we can better seek to bring release from suffering, and a deeper sense of the life-giving power of your presence.

We pray in the name of the One who comes to set all your children free, Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen

*Scripture reference: **Galatians 5:1***

Day 16

THEME: Aftercare

Helping police bring children, women and men to safety from slavery and violence is just the beginning of IJM's work. Providing specialist care to help survivors heal is just as vital.

People who've experienced slavery or violence are deeply traumatised, and they remain highly vulnerable. The journey to healing is long. It doesn't happen overnight.

But with long-term, professional support – from immediate crisis care, to counselling and support to obtain justice – IJM's aftercare teams have helped over 9,300 survivors reach a place of sustainable recovery.

Thousands more survivors are on the journey to healing. Please pray that, with IJM's support, each person is able to find fuller freedom and closure.

PRAYER: *By Stuart Bothwell, Lagan Valley Vineyard*

King Jesus,
The Lord of our future and our present,
You long for your future Kingdom to be at hand
through the works of our hands.
Like the prophets of old,
immerse us in your thoughts,
sweep us up in your dreams.
Bless us with a prophetic imagination of what will be.
By your Spirit, empower us,
to live your healing, restorative future,
here and now.
Amen.



AFTERCARE IN ACTION:

“God sent you to me because the burden was getting heavy.”

These powerful words were spoken to IJM by **HELSA***, a mother in Uganda, after her young daughter **PEACE*** was sexually abused.

Helsa struggled to get Peace the support she needed, until she met IJM. IJM provided Peace with professional counselling to help her heal, and supported Helsa to testify in court. Together, we saw the perpetrator sentenced to eight years in prison.

From the moment she reported the abuse to the police, Helsa says she didn't stop praying and fasting. She's seen her prayers answered: Peace, who was once withdrawn and afraid, has become a happy and playful child again with big dreams for the future.

“With God, I know she is going to make it,” Helsa shares proudly.



Day 17

THEME: Violence against women

1 in every 3 women experiences violence in her lifetime. IJM works with local authorities to combat violence against women and children, in Guatemala, Bolivia, El Salvador, Kenya, Colombia, Peru and Uganda. Together, we've helped bring over 21,800 women and children to safety from violence.

Pray for changes in attitudes towards women in communities where violence has become normalised. Pray that perceptions shift so that women are respected and valued, and abuse is condemned.

PRAYER: *By Sam Miller, Director of Open Doors*

Lord fill us with your Spirit, help us to abide in you and offer no hindrance to your abiding in us. Let your Spirit dwelling in us bring the hope of freedom through us, as we are sent by you and spent by you for your purposes on the earth.

Amen

Scripture reference: [2 Corinthians 3:17](#)



Day 18

THEME: IJM's teams on the frontlines

Today IJM has more than 1,300 staff working across the world – from investigators in the Philippines helping police bring children to safety, and social workers in Guatemala supporting survivors to heal from sexual violence, to lawyers in Kenya speaking up for victims of police abuse in court.

These inspiring teams are confronting the darkness of injustice daily but are passionate about bringing justice and hope to those with whom they work.

Today let's pray for the Holy Spirit to fill each staff member afresh, protect them in their work, and sustain them with the joy of the Lord who is their strength.

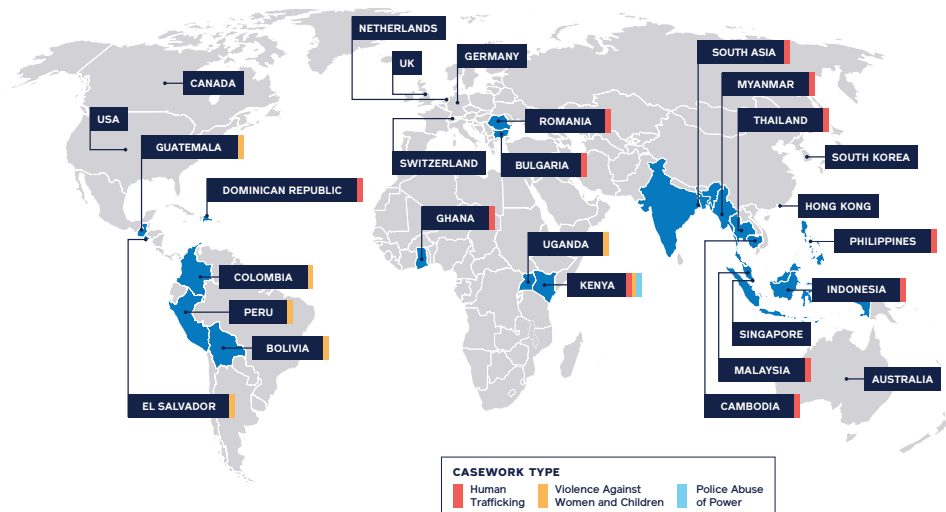
PRAYER: *By Lynne Paterson, Evangelical Alliance Scotland*

Father of glory, I pray for those who are working to see your justice come in the toughest of circumstances. Where there has been much labour, please bring fresh encouragement and strength. May the hope of your coming kingdom give them grace to persevere. In Jesus' name,

Amen

Scripture reference: 1 Peter 1:13

WHERE WE WORK



Day 19

THEME: PRAISE GOD for thousands of people brought to safety in 2024

When we read large numbers, we can easily lose sight of the fact that each individual number represents a person made in God's image.

Every time we hear the story of a person being brought to safety, we celebrate. And when we reflect over a year and know that we've helped authorities bring thousands of children, women and men to safety – each with a name and purpose – we celebrate.

In October 2024, **PHILIP*** and six other boys (*not pictured*), some as young as 11, were brought to safety from trafficking in Ghana.

The boys had been forced to work up to 17 hours a day in the fishing industry. **They reported being pricked by hooks and severely beaten.**



After several months, Philip decided he couldn't suffer any more and **escaped on a canoe**. An IJM-trained police investigator recognised the signs of trafficking and quickly called the Department of Social Welfare (DSW) and IJM for support.

IJM assisted the police to bring six more boys to safety from trafficking at the hands of the same fisherman.

Believing that God had directed him to speak to Philip, he shared, ***“God really wanted this boy and the others to be free.”***

Today, let's give thanks for freedom for Philip and every other person, and praise God for all the breakthrough we saw last year, in expectant hope of more to come in 2025.

PRAYER: By Ben Doolan, Vicar of St Thomas' Newcastle

Loving Father, as we work for justice, fill us with lasting joy. As we seek justice for those who are oppressed, grant us your joy, so we can be hope and light where it's needed most.

As said in Psalm 30:5, “Sorrow may come in the night, but joy comes in the morning.” May joy fuel our passion for justice and mission.

Amen

Day 20

THEME: IJM Champions

IJM is made up of investigators, social workers, lawyers, advocates – and champions like you!

IJM's work would not be possible without the passionate prayer, generosity and action of local churches and champions in the UK. Every year we are surprised and delighted by the wonderful ways their creativity and passion is outworked to help stop slavery and violence.

RUTH (*pictured*) has been supporting IJM since she was a student! From creating resources to help youth groups learn about slavery, to speaking in churches on behalf of IJM, Ruth has inspired many Christians in Scotland to join her in bringing freedom through prayer and action.



Please pray for our incredible network of IJM Champions around the UK – for increased creativity, passion and influence. And pray that more would join the movement!

PRAYER: *By Ruth Quill, IJM UK Champion*

Almighty and everlasting God, thank you for how you have been using each of us in this kingdom work.

As we grow in our awareness of the brokenness in the world, would you help us continue to place our trust in your goodness.

Amen

*Scripture reference: **Isaiah 35:1***

DIG DEEPER: Find out more about becoming an IJM Champion: IJMUK.org/champions

Day 21

THEME: Police abuse of power in Kenya

While most police officers in Kenya take their duties seriously, sadly in many cases police not only fail to protect vulnerable people from violence but are perpetrators of violence themselves. Shockingly, more than 684 people have been killed by police in Kenya since 2019. (*Missing Voices*, 2022)

Pray for justice to be established within the justice system in Kenya, so that those who hold positions of power use them for good and not for evil. Praise God for significant breakthroughs in police accountability recently, thanks to the tireless efforts of IJM Kenya and our partners.

PRAYER: By IJM Kenya staff

God, we pray for everyone involved in working to see police abuse of power in Kenya transformed.

We pray that the clients IJM Kenya serves will get justice.

We pray for the partnerships (both in the public and private sectors) that are helping steer forward this work.

We pray for staff as they engage in this work to be sustained and filled with joy.

We pray for a sustained change and transformation in the criminal justice system.

God have your way.

Amen



Day 22

THEME: Laws and policies

In the Bible we see the prophets calling the judges to rise and lead with wisdom and integrity. Likewise, IJM works with governments around the world, exhorting them to lead with justice and righteousness.

Our teams and survivor leaders advocate in the UK and around the world to ensure laws and policies support those facing slavery and violence.

Pray today for all those working in governments, justice systems, and positions of influence, that they would listen to the voices of those with experience and build effective responses to end slavery and violence.

PRAYER: *By Andy Frost, Director of Share Jesus International & Lead of London Mission Collective*

Surrounded by news headlines and overwhelming need, help me not become disillusioned. Instead, give me joy. The joy that comes from knowing you. The joy that comes from seeing you at work. The joy that comes in seeing justice done.

In the strength of your joy, we pray for you to move and do what only you can do in the midst of governments and those in positions of influence, so that those who are leading would see how they can use their position to activate a response to the urgent needs of injustice.

Amen.

*Scripture reference: **Proverbs 21:15***



Day 23

THEME: PRAISE TO THE GOD OF JUSTICE

The Bible reveals God's story of redemption and the beauty and power of who God is – a God of justice. We have seen God outwork who he is over and over again through stories of miraculous breakthrough, freedom and justice – both throughout history and in our work at IJM.

SCRIPTURE: Today we want to praise him and celebrate the way he is outworking his justice on earth. As you do, you may want to use one or two of these scriptures to help you:

- Psalm 101:1
- Psalm 103:6
- Psalm 140:12
- Psalm 146:5-9
- Isaiah 9:7
- Jeremiah 23:5

PRAYER: *By Mark Cameron, IJM Scotland Lead*

Lord, we are left praising you again as we realise we are caught in your passionate work of justice.

We know who you are, as we see you deliver justice across the earth, across generations.

What a joy and what a wonder it is, to know the heart of God, by seeing his hand deliver justice.

Amen.



DIG DEEPER: Listen to **'Goliath'** by Lucy Grimble, singer-songwriter, worship leader and IJM UK Ambassador: IJMUK.org/lucy-goliath

Day 24

THEME: Stopping slavery and violence, for good

Together, we have a big vision – to see millions of people brought to safety from slavery and violence, half a billion people protected from ever experiencing abuse, and justice made unstoppable.

Can you picture it? A world where children, women and men don't live in fear of violence. A world where freedom and justice are the rule, not the exception. A taste of God's kingdom here on earth.

It will take a whole movement of people around the world to make this vision a reality. What's more, it will take God's Spirit working through us to make what seems impossible, possible.

Let's pray with hope today for this vision to become a reality and for God to do more through us than we could ask or imagine – until all are free.

PRAYER: Lucy Hill, 24-7 Prayer Ireland

God of restoration, we thank you for your reconciling work on the cross, that through you all the 'broken and dislocated pieces of the universe... get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies'.

When we are overwhelmed or frustrated at the injustices we see, we ask you to fill us with hope that this is the work that you have already begun.

Remind us today that you have invited us, as your church, to join you in making all things new, in the world around us. May we be people who stand in hope and walk in action until we see an end to slavery and violence for good.

Amen.

Scripture reference: Colossians 1:18-20 (MSG)



Day 25

THEME: Faithful in prayer

We have come to our final day of prayer together, but we hope you have been inspired to keep praying for justice!

Praying for the long haul is so important and powerful.

Today we invite you to use your prayer time to ask God how he might want you to keep praying. What would that look like for you? Is he inviting you to gather others to pray with you?

As you consider what his invitation might be to you, we're excited to equip you with a **Pray for Justice Prayer Room Activity Guide** from 24-7 Prayer. We hope this will equip you to gather with your church or small group and press into prayer together.

Thank you for praying with us, until all are free.

PRAYER: *By David Westlake, Chief Executive, IJM UK*

God, we thank you today for who you are. We thank you that we can approach you with boldness and confidence, knowing that you are present and actively moving in our world. Thank you for giving us hope even in the face of darkness. Thank you for inviting us to be a part of working your story of redemption out in our midst – even now.

And so, God of Justice, I invite you now to show me my part in your story today. Would you come and help me be intentional in how I rejoice in hope and stay faithful and persistent in prayer from this day forward.



DIG DEEPER: Download 24-7 Prayer's Pray for Justice Prayer Room Guide at: 24-7prayergb.com/pray-for-justice



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for praying for justice through '25 in 25'. We hope that this journey has equipped and encouraged you to pray and take action.

If you've been inspired by the work of IJM, the journey doesn't have to end here. There are lots of ways you can help bring freedom and justice in 2025! Sign up to pray regularly at IJMUK.org/pray

Join the movement and give regularly as an IJM Freedom Partner at IJMUK.org/give25



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