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CAMPAIGN GUIDE

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A first-of-a-kind Christian documentary that dives deep into the sex trafficking industry in the United States. The film exposes the darkness that fuels demand, highlights survivors' transformations through Christ, engages lawmakers, law enforcement, organizations, ministries and experts across the country committed to ending the atrocities, all while showing Christ as the hope for all involved.

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WHY BLIND EYES OPENED?

*“To open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison
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Human trafficking is one of the darkest evils in our society today. It not only happens on distant shores, it is happening in our nation, states, communities and neighborhoods. The United States is the largest consumer of commercial sex worldwide, with untold millions of trafficking victims trapped within our own borders. This is not only shocking, but alarming. As a Church our eyes need to be opened to see the problem, so we can be part of the solution – a place where the community can find recovery and restoration.

BLIND EYES OPENED features the stories of six courageous women who were trafficked in America. Their accounts expose the reality that sex trafficking is happening in the United States. This should cause us to pause and think about our own communities. While their tragedies are difficult to hear, their testimonies are full of hope in Jesus Christ. They reveal to us that even from the darkest pits of sex trafficking, God can and does restore.

WHY IS **BLIND EYES OPENED** IMPORTANT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

- It's a unique media tool to help prevent and fight against the growing evil of human trafficking in America
- Uses real-life stories to educate on the realities of trafficking, while also inspiring you and your community with evidence of God's redemptive power at work
- Empowers your community members to actively participate in a movement to end trafficking in your own community



THE PRODUCERS OF BLIND EYES OPENED

*"Surely the islands look to me; in the lead are the ships of Tarshish, bringing your children from afar, with their silver and gold, to the honor of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."
Isaiah 60:9*

OUR MISSION

Ships of Tarshish produces high quality Christian television and film content highlighting critical social issues for the Church to engage in, showing Jesus Christ and His love as the hope of the world.

PRODUCTIONS

Production by Emmy®-award-winning producers, proven in the field as a level of quality equivalent to mainstream television and film. Charitable donations are received to develop the new breed of Christian programming. Financial partners are critical to our success.

DISTRIBUTION

Proven distribution strategies reach Christians where they are through the Internet, television, cinema, mobile devices, and more.

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BLIND EYES OPENED THEMES

MANKIND NEEDS A SAVIOR

In BLIND EYES OPENED we see what happens when humankind follows its own evil desires; we see people using other people in horrible ways to satisfy their own greed and cravings. When people learn about the truth of sex trafficking, many ask, “How can this be possible?” It is because of evil in the hearts of men and women in our fallen world. Mankind needs a Savior.

Experts in the movie explain how sex trafficking is caused by men and women who purchase sex for their own selfish gratification creating the demand fueling the sex trafficking industry. Trauma, abuse, pain, and ignorance lead some to the point where purchasing sex from another human being is an acceptable act. But no human being should be treated as property. BLIND EYES OPENED shows that pornography can distort a person’s thinking around sex, leading them to dehumanize and objectify others, making them more likely to act out the disturbing images they have viewed. The addictive nature of pornography is quickly increasing the demand for sex trafficking in America, and its victims are getting younger and younger. These perpetrators – both traffickers and customers – are in desperate need of a Savior to convict their hearts, offer forgiveness and deliver them from their own bondage.

The movie shows the ways traffickers lure and ultimately trap their victims – forcing them to provide services buyers are demanding. Unlike drugs, trafficking victims can be sold over and over again, yielding substantial profits for the traffickers who are driven by greed. BLIND EYES OPENED also exposes the link between abortion and the sex trafficking industry, as traffickers will force pregnant victims to have abortions so they can get back on the street quickly and continue to earn money. Yet, as horrific and incomprehensible as these acts are, we must recognize that no one is beyond the redemption of Jesus Christ.

Through the multiple testimonies of the featured survivors in BLIND EYES OPENED, we learn about a plethora of vulnerabilities leading victims to fall prey to traffickers. The movie shows how children from abusive situations, broken families, those with low self-esteem and kids in the foster care system are especially vulnerable and can become targets for traffickers. Trafficking victims spend years in captivity and suffer unspeakable abuses, and those who are rescued face a long road to recovery. Jesus knows those dark places. He knows about suffering. And he comes alongside the traumatized and broken – he heals, he restores, *he is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.* (Ps. 34:18)

BLIND EYES OPENED THEMES

HOPE IN CHRIST

Learning the details of the sex trafficking industry in America can be daunting and overwhelming. It's normal to feel shocked, angry, disgusted, horrified, fearful, defeated and hopeless. Reasons you may feel hopeless:

- The problem is too large for me to make a difference.
- It's too late to do anything about it.
- Buyers will never stop buying sex.
- Traffickers will never stop victimizing others for profit.
- Victims cannot be rescued, healed or truly restored.
- Sex trafficking in America will never end.
- How could I do anything to help? I'm just one person.

One of the key objectives of BLIND EYES OPENED is to offer hope that things can change. In addition to educating and raising awareness, the movie explains that the transformational power of Jesus Christ, in the hands of His church, is the solution to ending sex trafficking in America. Through Christ, His Church, and each one of us, there is Hope:

- Our Hope is in Jesus Christ!
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!
- Individually and collectively, we can make a difference!
- Sex buyers can be delivered from their addiction and bondage – this will stop the demand.
- The traffickers' hearts and behaviors can change through relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Victims can be liberated, healed and restored.
- Sex trafficking in America can end!
- As Christians, we must put our trust in Christ and believe that He can conquer all!



JESUS CHRIST

BLIND EYES OPENED THEMES

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Apart from God, the hearts of men and women desire evil – and embracing this evil leads to bondage. Through the testimonies shared in BLIND EYES OPENED, we learn about many ways that people are held captive and how through Jesus Christ they received freedom from:

- Lies
- Greed
- Guilt & Shame
- Fear
- Mental and Physical Torment
- Addiction
- Denial
- Self-condemnation
- Pride
- Rebellion
- Sexual Sin & Lust
- Physical, Mental and Emotional Enslavement

By watching these powerful testimonies of freedom through Christ, viewers will better understand how they themselves can be set free from bondages in their own life. BLIND EYES OPENED can be used as a strong and encouraging ministry tool for churches – there's nothing more effective than a personal testimony of the power of God!



BLIND EYES OPENED THEMES

COMMISSIONED BY CHRIST

BLIND EYES OPENED delivers a strong call to action to the Church to help end human trafficking in America. This call is to the Church body as a whole, church leadership, and individual Christians.

The movie shows how the Church is being commissioned by Christ to engage in the fight against sex trafficking outside of its four walls. The Church is called to unify the gifts, ideas and talents of its members into tangible expressions of ministry to change hearts and lives, and is encouraged to take a stance and speak up against sex trafficking in the United States.

BLIND EYES OPENED compels church leaders to consider how to lead their congregations into the fight against sex trafficking. Because these leaders hold positions of significant influence over key areas of ministry, the church body will only fully engage when leadership shows support.

The movie challenges followers of Christ to join in the movement to end sex trafficking and be ministers within society. Christians are implored to no longer turn a blind eye to the dark realities happening in our own communities and move past apathy to make a difference



BLIND EYES OPENED CAMPAIGN STRATEGY TIMELINE

There are multiple occasions throughout the month of January that create great engagement and promotional opportunities for you to utilize BLIND EYES OPENED:

- January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- January 11 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- January 17 is Martin Luther King Jr., Day
- January 23 is National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

The best way for your community to engage with BLIND EYES OPENED is to develop a campaign strategy and execution plan. Your campaign's success will be directly proportionate to how well you plan and follow-up. In order to maximize your ministry campaign in your community, use the following template for your planning, execution and follow-up.

CAMPAIGN PLANNING

- Pray
- If you are hosting the event at a church or partnering with a church for the screening, gain acceptance from church leadership
- Identify an individual or group to lead the campaign and assemble the team
- Cast vision and develop goals
- Establish a prayer team and pray daily
 - Use the Campaign Prayer Guide for ideas and scriptures to guide your prayers
- Create your strategy
- Plan your events
 - Consider an outreach event in your community with a statement that says, "we value human life," creating an opportunity to share that your screening is a safe place that offers hope and healing.
 - Invite leaders in your community to speak on the topic of human trafficking – these can include survivors, experts, safe home operators, lawmakers, community leaders, law enforcement, educators, Christian music artists and more.
 - If you are partnered with a church, ask them to spend the month of January in a sermon series around what God's Word says about these issues. This can lead up to a Church-wide effort to see the movie as a congregation at your screening.

- Plan a message series
 - Host an information session for your partner church's congregation or ministry team. In your initial meeting, take time to cast vision, share goals, and begin a congregational prayer movement using the Campaign Prayer Guide
- Set your budget, including team meeting expenses, promotions, communications and events
- Download free promotional materials at BlindEyesOpened.com
- Print promotional materials for your event and place them in local gyms, YMCA facilities, coffee shops and anywhere else people gather
- If partnered with a host church, launch small-group planning: small groups can be instrumental in driving awareness and attendance to your event
- Go viral [see the Social Media section of this campaign guide]
- Develop a marketing plan for community outreach, including partner churches, noting specific engagement dates

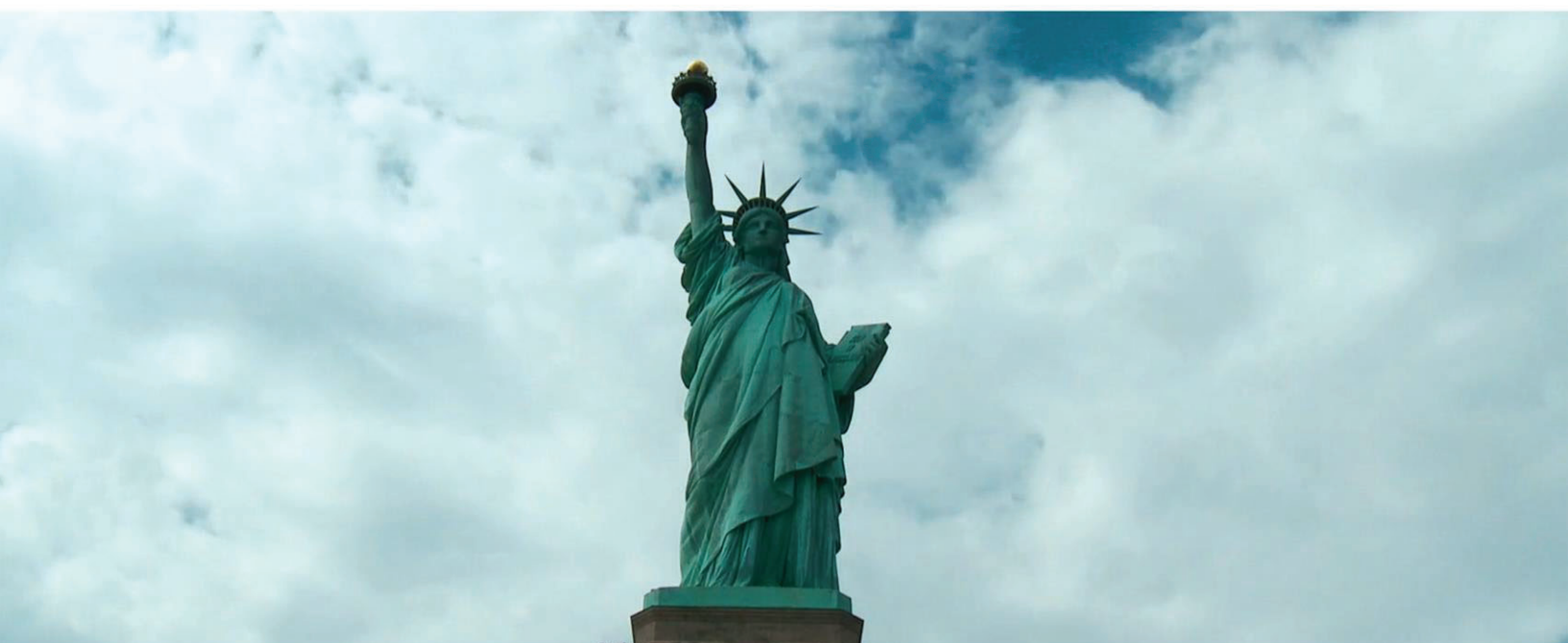
CAMPAIGN EXECUTION

- Continue praying for the campaign, its leaders, and those individuals who are attending different activities
- Keep morale high by re-casting the vision and offering regular progress reports
- Continue to finalize details and promote upcoming events
- Ask your partner churches to implement their campaign sermon series, small group options and ministry mobilization ideas
- Keep following your marketing plan and meet all dates and deadlines for community communication about events and campaign opportunities
- Encourage your members and others to share about your events and BLIND EYES OPENED within their sphere of influence and distribute information about the screening.
- If partnered with churches, ask them to play the BLIND EYES OPENED trailer during their church services and gatherings leading up to your event.

- At your partner churches, ask them to engage small groups, youth groups and other meetings to dedicate at least one meeting to discuss human trafficking; show the BLIND EYES OPENED trailer and encourage them to attend your event
- Share insights and ideas frequently through your church partner's marketing channels as well as any other organizations or businesses you have supporting your event – social media, website, email and video
- Place BLIND EYES OPENED inserts in church bulletins announcing the film at partner church locations
- Send multiple emails in the months and weeks leading up to your event, discussing the importance of human trafficking and sharing the trailer date of your event

CAMPAIGN FOLLOW-UP

- Meet with your core leadership team to finalize post-campaign efforts. Use the opportunity to recognize their hard work and to thank everyone for their tremendous service
- Involve the team in evaluating the campaign
- Send thank-you letters to campaign team members, partner churches and businesses, and anyone else who spent considerable time supporting and promoting your event



SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT



FACEBOOK

Start by “Liking” the BLIND EYES OPENED page. You can find it at the following URL: [Facebook.com/BlindEyesOpened](https://www.facebook.com/BlindEyesOpened). From that page, you can view the movie trailer, link to the official website, stay up to date on the latest information about the movie. Be sure to use #BlindEyesOpened in all of your posts to get the most exposure for your campaign, and use @BlindEyesOpened to link your posts to the official Blind Eyes Opened Facebook page.

If you create a campaign page for your event, this will allow you to designate roles within the page. Admins have the most power over content creation and also governance over users. For ease of use, designate several admins and editors over your page in order to delegate and use a wide variety of people in campaign leadership roles. Images and videos tend to get the most engagement, so be sure to post images with quotes that relate to the theme of your campaign (ex. Hope, Faith, Belief, etc.).

Next, create and post specific events for any of your calendared campaign items. It allows everyone you invite to RSVP and easily share the event and invite others. The more buzz you can create, the more people have the opportunity to attend. You can use this as a tool to rally members of your community to your event.

Finally, use your own status or the wall of group pages you are a part of to share information about the film. If you are a member of a church, or partnering with a church for your event, be sure to get them to promote the screening regularly. Drum up as much awareness and support as you can for your event.

Encourage other social media savvy participants or even those who are brand new to the world of Facebook to make your campaign events their daily statuses and to continue to share about the film during your campaign.



TWITTER

From your own account (or the church feed if you are partnering with a church for your event), go online to the official movie Twitter page and “follow” the film. You can find the movie at the following URL. [Twitter.com/BlindEyesOpened](https://twitter.com/BlindEyesOpened). Next, begin using your Twitter page[s] to create buzz around your Facebook events and announcements. Share them via strategically placed tweets. Use Twitter to inspire people and then invite them to join you. Be sure to use #BlindEyesOpened in all of your tweets to get the most exposure for your campaign, and use @BlindEyesOpened to link your posts to the official Blind Eyes Opened Twitter account.

Consider taking the time on the outset of your campaign to create a document full of possible tweets related to your campaign. The power of what can be communicated to circulate the simple reasons for the campaign is endless. As a follower of Jesus we have the mission, and that is to make disciples. The world we live in today communicates in byte-sized bits. If you were a missionary to Mexico, you would speak the official language—Spanish. To effectively engage culture where you are, you have to speak “tweet.” It’s not reducing the quality of the content, just the quantity of characters you use to transmit it. It will force you to evaluate your vision and streamline your message.



VIDEO SHARING PLATFORMS

Each of the platforms in this category allows you to post, share, and utilize video content to enhance the social media outreach and influence of your film campaign. Regardless of which option(s) you employ, videos can widen your effectiveness. The goal should not be to go viral but to cast vision, create momentum, and engage your audience. Consider the impact of creating multiple videos and posting on your chosen social media content sharing applications. It works well within the framework of both Facebook and Twitter and easily integrates into your overall web presence.

In addition to expressing your creative ideas, your video platforms can be used to create and share invitations to events, information about your campaign, devotional content throughout, and even post shareable summaries of your campaign events once they are complete. Don't neglect the power of the after effect. Posting, liking, sharing, and reposting event videos once they have occurred creates as much buzz for future community engagements as anything else. If people see a captivating video and regret not participating, that will certainly drum up more attention for your future efforts.



INSTAGRAM

From your own Instagram account, go to the official movie Instagram page and “follow” the film. You can find the movie at the following URL: [Instagram.com/BlindEyesOpened](https://www.instagram.com/BlindEyesOpened). On your own Instagram page, plan to take photos of people who attend your campaign events. Using your campaign #hashtag, you can easily highlight the event. You can also use #BlindEyesOpened in all of your posts to get even greater exposure for your campaign. Encourage friends and those who plan to attend the screening to share event photos with one another and tag each other’s profiles in their pictures. Ask them to make the event photo their profile picture for the duration of the campaign. Ask them to be willing and prepared to share with anyone who asks or comments the purpose of the pictures and the purpose of the event. The greater the energy surrounding participation, the greater your event’s success.

Another “instagrammable” idea for the campaign is the video feature. Have participants post a video on their own of something that gives them hope, similar to the plan listed in the aforementioned creative content. Using the same #hashtag allows you to assemble each video or picture post in the same page and even stream them from your own video sharing site or partner church website (if a church partner is participating).

BLIND EYES OPENED PRAYER GUIDE

*“To open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison
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Isaiah 42:7*

Use the following Prayer Guide as a resource throughout your campaign season for your leadership team. Use the prayer prompts and scripture verses as ways to pray for God’s power and the movement of the Holy Spirit in your community.

There is no more powerful medium for prayer than the Word of God. This prayer guide challenges you to pray through Scripture and faithfully expect the promises of God to be fulfilled. Praying Scripture aligns your heart with God’s heart because you are filling your mind and mouth with His Word.

These passages have been selected because of their connection to the theme of the film and the opportunity they present to pray for God to move in the hearts of your people. Campaign prayer team leader: Feel free to add your own passages based on specific requests for your congregation and your community. As God directs your campaign vision, so goes the movement of the campaign prayer team.

PRAY

“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.” – Matthew 6:9-13

PRAY FOR HUMILITY

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” – 2 Chronicles 7:14

PRAY FOR VICTORY OVER EVIL

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” – Psalm 139:23-24

“There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.” – Proverbs 6:16-19

“It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.” – Thessalonians 4:3-7

“If anyone causes one of these little ones – those who believe in me – to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.” – Matthew 18:6

“You say, ‘Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.’ The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, ‘The two will become one flesh.’ But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.” – 1 Corinthians 6:13-20

“But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” – Matthew 5:28

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.” – John 2:15-17

“Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes.” – Proverbs 6:25

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” – 1 Timothy 6:10

“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.” – Colossians 3:5

“For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world.” – 1 John 2:16

“So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth.” – Revelation 3:16

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HOPE

Because such a key component of the film is a spiritual journey that begins with grief, a considerable prayer to pray during your campaign is for hurting people to see and experience the hope found in Christ, so that hope will grow their faith.

“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.” – Romans 15:13

“Your sun will never set; your moon will not go down. For the Lord will be your everlasting light. Your days of mourning will come to an end.” – Isaiah 60:20

“I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.” – John 14:27

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” – Jeremiah 29:11

“Then Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.’” – Matthew 11:28

*“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”
– Revelation 21:4*

PRAY FOR CONVICTION AND REPENTANCE

“From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” – Matthew 4:17

“Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.” – John 8:34

“For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.” – Matthew 21:32

*“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” –
Jeremiah 17:9*

“For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come – sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.” – Mark 7:21-23

“Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God’s wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.” – Romans 2:4-5

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” – 1 John 1:9

“Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” – Acts 2:38

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.” – Acts 3:19

“This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: ‘In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.’” – Isaiah 30:15

“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.” – Matthew 3:8

“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth.” – Revelation 3:14-16

PRAY FOR GRACE, FORGIVENESS AND SALVATION

“The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” – Romans 5:20-21

“But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: ‘God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.’” – James 4:6

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” – Ephesians 2:8

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.” – Ephesians 2:1-5

“He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.” – 2 Timothy 1:9

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” – 2 Corinthians 9:8

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” – Romans 8:38-39

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.” – Romans 10:9-10

“Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.” – Hebrews 7:25

“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” – Colossians 3:13

“The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him.” – Daniel 9:9

“You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.” – Psalm 86:5

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.” – Ephesians 1:7

“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come!’ Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.” – Revelation 22:17

PRAY FOR TRANSFORMATION

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.” – Revelation 12:11

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” – Isaiah 40:31

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” – Psalm 34:18

“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:23

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.” – Romans 12:2

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” – Psalm 51:10

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” – Ezekiel 36:26

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.” – Colossians 1:21-22

“He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.” – Ephesians 5:27

PRAY FOR ACTION

“Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of the orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.” – Isaiah 1:17

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’” – Isaiah 52:7

“He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights.” – Psalm 18:33

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” – Ephesians 2:10

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” – Matthew 5:14-16

PRAY FOR FREEDOM

“But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy.” – Psalm 5:11

“The Lord replies, ‘I have seen violence done to the helpless, and I have heard the groans of the poor. Now I will rise up to rescue them, as they have longed for me to do.’” – Psalm 12:5

“Rescue the poor and helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people.” – Psalm 82:4

“He will give justice to the poor and make fair decisions for the exploited. The earth will shake at the force of his word, and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.” – Isaiah 11:4

“No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people... Then your salvation will come like the dawn, and your wounds will quickly heal. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind.” – Isaiah 59:6-8

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.” – Isaiah 61:1

“For the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” – 2 Corinthians 3:17