

# FREEDOM SUNDAY

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## Sample Announcement Script

Today the wider church is taking part in “Freedom Sunday.”

Human trafficking is the world’s fastest growing global crime, involving over 30 million men, women and children around the world today. There are more people caught in slavery than at any other time in human history. Freedom Sunday is a day for global faith communities to stand together in prayer and take action to put an end to this horrendous crime.

As a church, we partner with an organization called Compassion First that provides long-term, hope-filled solutions for survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation.

Today I would like us to take a few minutes to pray for the trafficking problem and for the work of our partner, Compassion First.

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## Sample Prayer Guide

O God, our words cannot express what our minds can barely comprehend and our hearts feel when we hear of men, women and children deceived, transported to unknown places, forced into prostitution or other forms of labor for the financial gain of traffickers—their slaveholders.

Our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry that their dignity and rights are transgressed through threats, deception and force. We cry out against this degrading practice of trafficking and pray for it to end.

**We pray for those who are vulnerable**, that they would be protected from those who are predators.

We pray for those who are currently being held captive against their will, that You would protect them, sustain them and rescue them.

**We pray for those who have been rescued and are survivors**, we pray that you would grant them peace in their hearts and their bodies. Give them people around who share with them unconditional love. Bring them towards whole-hearted restoration so that they may see and understand the unique, beautiful individuals that you have created them to be.

**We pray for law enforcement**, that they would have the resources necessary to rescue those who are enslaved and convict those who enslave their fellow human beings.

**We pray for individuals and organizations who are actively fighting human slavery**, sex-trafficking and exploitation, that you would grant them the resources, commitment and endurance to continue to fight against this injustice.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.