

# WORLD CUP 2026

## PRAYER GUIDE

Justice Network & Northeast Community Transformation is committed to praying over the risks of human trafficking associated with the World Cup events, June 11- July 19, 2026, in Canada, Mexico and the United States.

Human trafficking often peaks around large-scale sporting events. While trafficking occurs 365 days a year, both sex trafficking and labor trafficking are often spotlighted due to influx of tourism and increased demand for commercial services. Athletes in the games are vulnerable as well.

**This prayer guide will help you to focus on asking for:**

- GOD'S INTERVENTION AGAINST TRAFFICKING DURING THIS SPORTING EVENT
- DIVINE PROTECTION FOR THOSE WHO MAY NEVERTHELESS FALL VICTIM
  - RECOVERY AND RESTORATION OF SURVIVORS
  - TRANSFORMATION OF TRAFFICKERS TO TURN FROM THEIR WAYS
- WISDOM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM DEALING WITH THESE CRIMES

OUR GOAL IS TO INCREASE AWARENESS, EQUIP THOSE WHO ADVOCATE FOR THOSE AT RISK, AND BRING JUSTICE TO THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS. USE THIS GUIDE DURING CHURCH GATHERINGS OR IN PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL TIME BEFORE AND DURING THE WORLD CUP GAMES.

# SPECIFIC POINTS TO PRAY OVER

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Prevention of exploitation in cities around the world as they prepare for this high-profile sporting event. During the World Cup, there is increased demand for manual labor, prostitution, and other services, which increases opportunities for sex and labor trafficking.



Law enforcement operations for those who fall prey, and safety and wisdom for officers as they intervene.



Vulnerable individuals, who may include not only fans and innocent bystanders, but also the athletes themselves. The vulnerable often include those in poverty, runaways, and people from broken families.

## HEALING AND RESTORATION FOR RECOVERED SURVIVORS.

Grace for organizations that provide safe homes and restoration programs. Former captors often try to reclaim what they wrongly consider to be their “property.” In response, these organizations provide survivors with emergency shelter, legal assistance to empower them to participate in bringing their captors to justice, counseling, and long-term programs including vocational training designed to promote psychological, emotional and physical recovery and eventual healing.

Pray for an end to human trafficking in your city, your state, your nation, and the world. The key to this is specifically the **OBLITERATION OF DEMAND** for sex and labor services made available through trafficking.

# SIMPLE PRAYERS

FOR AWARENESS, PROTECTION, AND FREEDOM

## AWARENESS

“Lord, open the eyes of the public, the church, and the authorities to recognize and prevent human trafficking, making the 2026 World Cup host cities safe environments.”



## FREEDOM



“Lord Jesus, we pray for those who become trapped in forced labor and sexual exploitation. Break the hold traffickers have over their victims and guide authorities to them in the midst of crowded cities.”

## Recovery:

“Lord, provide safe and loving trauma-informed communities for survivors, that they may find healing and new beginnings.”

## PROTECTION FOR THE VULNERABLE:



“God of Refuge, we pray for those most at risk, that You would protect them from predators seeking to exploit them during such global events.”

## FOR JUSTICE & ACTION



## Wisdom for Law Enforcement:

“We pray for wisdom for law enforcement and trafficking hotlines, that they may see victims who may be ‘hidden in plain sight,’ and bring perpetrators to justice.”

**Justice Prevails:** “We pray that systems of justice prevail against trafficking networks, ensuring a safe, secure atmosphere during the games.”

# WHAT SPECIFICALLY CAN YOU DO?

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## Technology:

Traffickers use technology to recruit, manipulate and lure innocent people into dangerous situations. Be aware of your children's access to the Internet. Implement safety measures like firewalls and internet security, and instill family values concerning screen time.



## Stranger danger:

Talk with children about their interactions with strangers (online and in person). (Note: it's not only strangers. Familial trafficking is on the rise. Children and youth may be trafficked by family members, neighbors, church or community members familiar to them.)

## Be approachable:

Teenagers need to know that parents are approachable to assist them even if they make a mistake. Create a code with an emoji that means "I feel uneasy at this social gathering; please come get me."

## WATCH AND PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN

### Watch and pray for your community

Be alert for any suspicious activities in your neighborhood or city (new people, unfamiliar vehicles, men and women you don't know lingering in the parks and other gathering places in your area).

- Pray daily for the safety of your children and your neighborhood.
- Organize a Prayer Walk in your community with a prayer partner or a prayer group.
- Pray with others concerning trafficking 'hot spots' in your community.

Keep the  
hotline number  
888.373.7888  
stored on your  
mobile device  
to report  
human  
trafficking or  
suspicion of  
such incidents.

# APPLICABLE SCRIPTURES

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.”

Prov. 31:8-9

“But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” Amos 5:24

“Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” Psalm 82:3-4



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:18-19

“In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you,” Matthew 7:12

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” James 1:27

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ ... He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’”

Matthew 25:40, 45

“Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.” Isaiah 1:17



“He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you: But to do justice, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8

“May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.” Psalm 72:4



“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” John 3:16-17