



PRAYER FOR FREEDOM

O Most Holy and Merciful God: You secure justice for the poor, and uphold the cause of the needy. As Your people, freed from bondage to sin and delivered from death, we cry out to You.

We pray for the 27 million men, women, and children enslaved today; for those in bonded labor in fields, factories, and mines where they are bought and sold like commodities; for those forced to become soldiers and made into tools of violence.

O Lord, free and deliver them.

We pray for the oppressed in Cambodia; for those in forced labor in garment factories, fisheries, and homes; for the thousands of young boys and girls exploited and abused in the commercial sex industry.

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We pray for those in our own community forced into domestic servitude; for the hundreds of children in the Seattle area forced into prostitution.

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We pray also for perpetrators and exploiters; for pimps and johns; for governments blind to justice; for corporations consuming slave labor in their worship of profit.

O Lord, restrain and transform them.

We pray for ourselves; for repentance of our sins of indifference and resignation; for wisdom in how and where we spend our money; for the conviction and courage to speak out for those who have no voice.

O Lord, forgive and reform us.

We pray for the Church around the world; for an awakening from our complacency and our complicity with evil; for the protection and success of those acting in Your Name for justice.

O Lord, guide and empower us all.



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