



## DMST ONE-PAGE PRAYER GUIDE

Now that you know about Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking, what can you do? Street Hope TN believes prayer is a powerful tool in fighting DMST ([James 5:13-18](#)). If you're wondering how you can make a difference, prayer is the first step.

### PRAY FOR THE VICTIMS

#### How to pray for the victims:

- Comfort and protection – physically, psychologically, emotionally, spiritually Restoration of bodies, minds, and hearts
- Places of refuge for recovery and rehabilitation
- Rebuilding of trust bonds and relational bonds with people
- Insightful care givers, counselors, and law enforcement workers
- Academic grace and redemption
- Physical needs for shelter, clothing, food, and protection
- A hope for their future

#### Truth to pray:

"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." ([Psalm 34:18](#))

### PRAY FOR THE PERPETRATORS

#### How to pray for perpetrators:

- Recognition. Pray that perpetrators would recognize the evil of their part in DMST, and see the widespread destruction it causes in their own life, in victims, and in the wider community.
- Sorrow. Pray that perpetrators would see DMST as God sees it, having their eyes opened and responding with hearts of confession.
- Discovery. Pray that those who victimize children would be exposed.
- Justice. Pray that individuals would be held accountable for their choices and the wrongs they have committed.
- Restraint. Pray for those who have habits of exploiting children would be thwarted in their plans or schemes to use and abuse others.

#### Truth to pray:

"For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them." ([Isaiah 61:8](#)- NIV)

### PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

#### How to pray for our communities:

- **Community organizations fighting DMST** – Safety, use of resources, perseverance, protection of thoughts, strength over obstacles, adequate funding, insight for expansion, cooperative spirits in working together
- **Lawmakers** – Awareness and understanding, courage to do battle through legislation, compassion towards victims, firmness with perpetrators. Cooperation across party lines to put justice and children first
- **Law enforcement** – Discernment of ordinary events, insight in evidence, protection (physical, spiritual, and emotional) as they work in darkness, and protection for their families
- **Educators and social service workers** – Recognition of signs of trafficking, earning of trust from victims, and to creation of a climate where exploitation is not welcome
- **First responders and medical personnel** – Compassionate competence, physical and emotional care for victims, identifying signs of trafficking, working with other agencies to provide for children in crisis
- **Business professionals** - Moral values, rejection of exploitation, concern for people, use of resources to support awareness and prevention, contributions for restoration of impacted people
- **Artists** – Use of freedom of expression to stir up a desire for just, clean, respectful treatment of children

#### Truth to pray:

"Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them; those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you." ([Isaiah 41:11-13](#))