

Prayer Pointers

Thanksgiving

- Thank God for his faithful provision of resources and new mercies every day
- Thank God for all the donors who have given generously to enable this work to be done
- Thank God for everyone who are praying with us
- Thank God for his hand of protection over Hagar clients and staff
- Thank God for the provision of committed staff devoted to Hagar's work and values
- Thank God for his favour with local governments to be able to do the work that we do

Rescue and Restoration

- Pray for the rescue and restoration of the millions of people who have become victims of trafficking, exploitation, abuse and violence
- Pray for an end to their state of suffering (i.e. escape, rescued, access to help)
- Pray for effective identification of victims and appropriately referred to Hagar for help
- Pray for education and skills training opportunities so that survivors can have a meaning and productive livelihood
- Pray for employment opportunities for those who are able to work so they can start earning an income to support themselves and their family
- Pray for medical treatment to be made available so health concerns can be attended to
- Pray for motivation and encouragement for survivors who are still battling their trauma and journeying towards recovery and empowerment
- Pray for restoration to wholeness and complete recovery from the trauma endured

Breakdown of the Trafficking Industry

- Pray against the industry that exploits vulnerables persons for sex, labour and servitude
- Pray that entire syndicates and chains especially the leaders and kingpins will be wiped out
- Pray for harsh penalties and a strong legislation framework to deter traffickers
- Pray for world leaders to take an active stance against trafficking and to dedicate their time and resources to eradicating this industry
- Pray and ask God to turn the hearts of traffickers and transform them so they will stop exploiting people for personal gain
- Pray for the reduction of demand for commercial sex services and demise of the pornography industry so that the trade is no longer lucrative
- Pray for the overturn of laws that legalise prostitution around the world (i.e. the Netherlands, Germany, New Zealand and certain districts of Australia)

Economic and Social Development

- Pray for the development of impoverished nations, changes in cultural mindsets, and improved social infrastructures
- Economic development so that people can make a livelihood through decent employment opportunities and not be subject to exploitation arising from their circumstances
- Local governments to take into consideration the social impact of their development plans so that people are not made vulnerable when new policies are introduced (e.g. when the Indonesian government stopped the hire of their citizens as foreign domestic workers, people began turning to illegal groups for employment opportunities and this increased their risk of exploitation. The government eventually changed their policy stance and imposed stricter regulations on the treatment of foreign domestic workers.)
- Availability of resources to reach out to vulnerable groups to provide protection, assistance and information
- Breakdown of deeply entrenched cultures that treat women and children as inferior and to give them equal access to education and employment opportunities
- Access to education for children and youth to break the poverty cycle and to strengthen the future of the nation as they will be the next generation of leaders

Effective Partnerships

Pray for good relations and effective partnerships with the local government, partner help agencies, corporates, educational institutes, and the public.

- Good partnership with the local governments to better advocate for system changes and not just addressing downstream issues
- Fair treatment in the legal justice system and not subject to extra fees or bribes, and to find justice served
- Effective criminal justice system to ensure that victims and witnesses are adequately protected and supported during the legal proceedings so that they are not subjected to re-traumatisation
- Improved capability of law enforcement officers to identify victims
- Increased awareness and knowledge of general public so they will be able to identify victims and alert the local authorities
- Partner agencies are well-equipped with the adequate resources to provide victim after-care

Local Church

Pray for the local church to rise up and respond to the needs of the local community in practical ways and to make a strong stand against human rights abuses.

- More Christian aid workers to walk with survivors through their recovery journey to complete wholeness and full restoration
- Improved network, unity and synergy among Christian groups working together on multiple fronts to tackle exploitation and abuse, and help the survivors and their family members
- Churches and leaders to be strong supporters and advocates of God's love, justice and righteousness
- Strength, fortitude and vision among the Christian network that is working to address the local and global issues and to provide prayer support for one another
- Effective Christian foster families who love and care for survivors, treating them as their own family and providing for their needs

Resources

- Pray for sufficient funding and resources for Hagar's work and programmes so that services can continue
- Pray for God's shalom peace and strength upon the hearts and minds of staff as they hear of the traumatic events and provide emotional support and care for clients and family members
- Pray for God's hand of protection for staff especially those who travel out in the field across miles to reach clients in their provincial villages and also for staff who work in countries where violence is prevalent. Recently, a sister organisation, only three streets away, was attacked in the middle of the night in Afghanistan. One Afghan security guard and one expat woman were killed. Another expat woman was kidnapped. Strong security directives were put in place immediately. All available information showed that it was a very targeted attack.
- Pray for the transition of new staff, expats and their families, as they adjust to the local environment, community and culture
- Pray for committed and skilled staff and volunteers to help fill in the gaps and persevere in the work
- Pray for God's miraculous provision for all volunteers and partners that their businesses will flourish and they will have job security amidst the volatile economic situation

Hagar is a Christian organisation and a registered charity in Singapore (UEN: 200401226H). We are dedicated to the recovery of survivors of extreme human rights abuse, particularly human trafficking, gender-based violence and sexual exploitation. We do whatever it takes for as long as it takes to restore a broken life. Through protection, recovery, education and economic empowerment, and community reintegration, we walk the whole journey of restoration with each individual.