

7-Day Prayer Guide: Praying Against Human Trafficking Around the 2026 World Cup

Theme: *“Seeking justice, protecting the vulnerable, and shining light into hidden places.”*

Suggested use: Pray individually, with a church, small group, or prayer network during the days leading up to or throughout the 2026 World Cup.

Day 1 — Prayer for the Vulnerable

Focus: Children, migrants, displaced people, and those at risk

Scripture:

“Defend the weak and the fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.” — Psalm 82:3

Prayer:

God of justice, we pray for every person who may be vulnerable to exploitation during the World Cup season. Protect children, migrants, travelers, refugees, and those searching for opportunity. Surround them with people who will see their worth and defend their dignity.

Expose false promises and prevent traffickers from gaining access to those who are isolated or desperate. May every person be treated as created in Your image and valued beyond measure.

Pray specifically for:

- Protection for vulnerable communities in host cities
 - Safe travel and safe housing
 - Awareness among fans and visitors
 - Strength for families and communities
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Day 2 — Prayer for Trafficking Prevention

Focus: Stopping exploitation before it happens

Scripture:

“The Lord loves righteousness and justice.” — Psalm 33:5

Prayer:

Lord, we ask for wisdom, courage, and cooperation among those working to prevent human trafficking. Give authorities, nonprofits, community leaders, and volunteers insight to recognize danger and intervene early.

Break down networks that profit from human suffering. Bring hidden crimes into the light and replace exploitation with compassion, accountability, and justice.

Pray specifically for:

- Effective prevention efforts
 - Training for hospitality, transportation, and event workers
 - Safe environments around stadiums and public gatherings
 - Courage for people to report concerns
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Day 3 — Prayer for Survivors

Focus: Healing and restoration

Scripture:

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." — Psalm 147:3

Prayer:

God of mercy, we lift up survivors of trafficking around the world. Bring healing where there has been trauma, freedom where there has been captivity, and hope where there has been despair.

Provide safe places, trustworthy advocates, medical care, emotional support, and opportunities for a restored future.

Pray specifically for:

- Survivor-led organizations
 - Long-term recovery and support
 - Protection from retaliation
 - Communities that welcome and restore survivors
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Day 4 — Prayer for Law Enforcement and Justice

Focus: Accountability and integrity

Scripture:

"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed." — Isaiah 1:17

Prayer:

Lord, strengthen those responsible for protecting people and enforcing justice. Give investigators, courts, border officials, and community responders wisdom and integrity.

Remove corruption and indifference. May systems designed to protect people work with compassion and fairness.

Pray specifically for:

- Honest investigations
 - Traffickers being held accountable
 - Victims being treated with dignity
 - Justice that prioritizes restoration
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Day 5 — Prayer for Fans, Travelers, and Communities

Focus: A culture of awareness and care

Scripture:

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2

Prayer:

God, shape the hearts of millions who gather for the World Cup. Let celebration never come at the expense of another person's suffering.

Give fans compassion, wisdom, and awareness. Help people notice when something is wrong and respond with courage and care.

Pray specifically for:

- Fans to reject exploitation
 - Hospitality workers to recognize warning signs
 - Communities to protect neighbors
 - A culture of respect and dignity
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Day 6 — Prayer for Global Cooperation

Focus: Nations working together

Scripture:

"Justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness live in the fertile field." — Isaiah 32:16

Prayer:

Lord, unite nations, organizations, and communities in the fight against trafficking. May borders, languages, and differences not prevent people from protecting the vulnerable.

Give leaders humility and commitment to pursue human dignity above profit or reputation.

Pray specifically for:

- International cooperation
 - Shared resources and information
 - Policies that protect people
 - Global awareness beyond the tournament
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Day 7 — Prayer for Light, Hope, and Freedom

Focus: Ending hidden exploitation

Scripture:

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." — John 1:5

Prayer:

God, let Your light reach every hidden place where people are being harmed. Bring freedom to those trapped in exploitation and courage to those who can help.

May the 2026 World Cup be remembered not only for competition and celebration, but for compassion, justice, and the protection of human life.

Pray specifically for:

- Freedom for those trapped in trafficking
- Hope for survivors
- Courage for advocates
- A lasting movement for justice

Optional Closing Prayer

“God of justice and mercy, awaken our hearts to the suffering of others. Make us people who protect, serve, and love our neighbors. Let every stadium, city, and nation be a place where human dignity is honored. Amen.”