

PRAYER DIARY

— 2022 —



PRAYER



has always been central to the work of Samaritan's Purse and *Alabaster Jar*. Without prayer, our ministry would not be possible. It is what strengthens us, protects us, and keeps us in line with God's heart. Prayer can change impossible situations and shine light in the darkest places.

ALABASTER JAR

has been reaching women trapped in Berlin's sex industry with practical help and the love of Jesus Christ for over 15 years. The longevity and impact of our work could not have been possible without prayer. Many of the women we work with find themselves in extremely difficult life situations and are in desperate need of hope.

This year, we want to invite YOU to come alongside us in praying powerful prayers over the women we love. We hope this prayer diary gives you a deeper understanding of how to pray for individuals trapped in prostitution. May it guide you well and encourage your heart as you intercede.

At the end of the prayer diary, we offer various opportunities for you to support our work with women trapped in prostitution, as well as detail the work of Samaritan's Purse e.V. *Alabaster Jar* has belonged to the international relief organization since September 2021. It is such a privilege to be working together to help women in Berlin's red light district.

**Thank you so much for your support.
Thank you for praying with us.**



JANUARY

“For You have been a defense for the helpless, a defense for the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm ...”

ISAIAH 25:4 ESV



Our team found M. one freezing night on the streets of Berlin. M. was homeless, alone, and so cold she could barely walk. We accompanied her back to our Café, offered her food and a cup of tea, and were able to find her a warm place to sleep in an emergency shelter.

Many women we work with experience homelessness and are forced to spend cold winter nights on the streets of Berlin. This month, pray with us for women like M.: that they would come to know God as their defense and refuge.





FEBRUARY

*“Though my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will receive me.”*

PSALM 27:10 NIV



Almost every day, S. comes to our Café during Outreach just to spend time with our team. She has no community here in Berlin and no one else to talk to. As she told us once, our Outreaches are the only place she can be herself and find acceptance.

There are many women like S. who feel lonely and isolated by society and even from their families. Let's pray that they would find supportive, loving communities and, most of all, that they would come to know that God their Father will receive them with open arms.

MARCH

“He ensures that orphans and widows receive justice. He shows love to the foreigners living among you and gives them food and clothing.”

DEUTERONOMY 10:18 NLT



Just several weeks ago, C. left her home behind in Eastern Europe and moved to Berlin to provide for her family. Her only connection in the city is her “boyfriend” who expects a cut of her earnings. Disillusioned, alone, and unable to speak German, C. finds herself a stranger in a strange land.

Every week, our Outreach team meets women who have just arrived in Berlin and are far away from all that is safe and familiar to them. Join with us in prayer this month that God would comfort and provide for the sojourners in Berlin. Pray for our team as we continue to build friendships and offer practical help and support to women like C.





APRIL

***"This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us."***

1 JOHN 3:16 NIV



P.'s situation is all too common: she is in a romantic relationship with her pimp. Not only does he demand that she work long hours on the street, but he is physically violent with her. P. however insists, even with a black eye and swollen lip, that he loves her.

Many women are trafficked into prostitution under the lie of "love." But the truth is: this is not what love looks like. Let's pray this month for women like P. to meet Jesus and come to understand that real love is not violent and does not exploit. Let's pray for courage to leave abusive relationships.

MAY

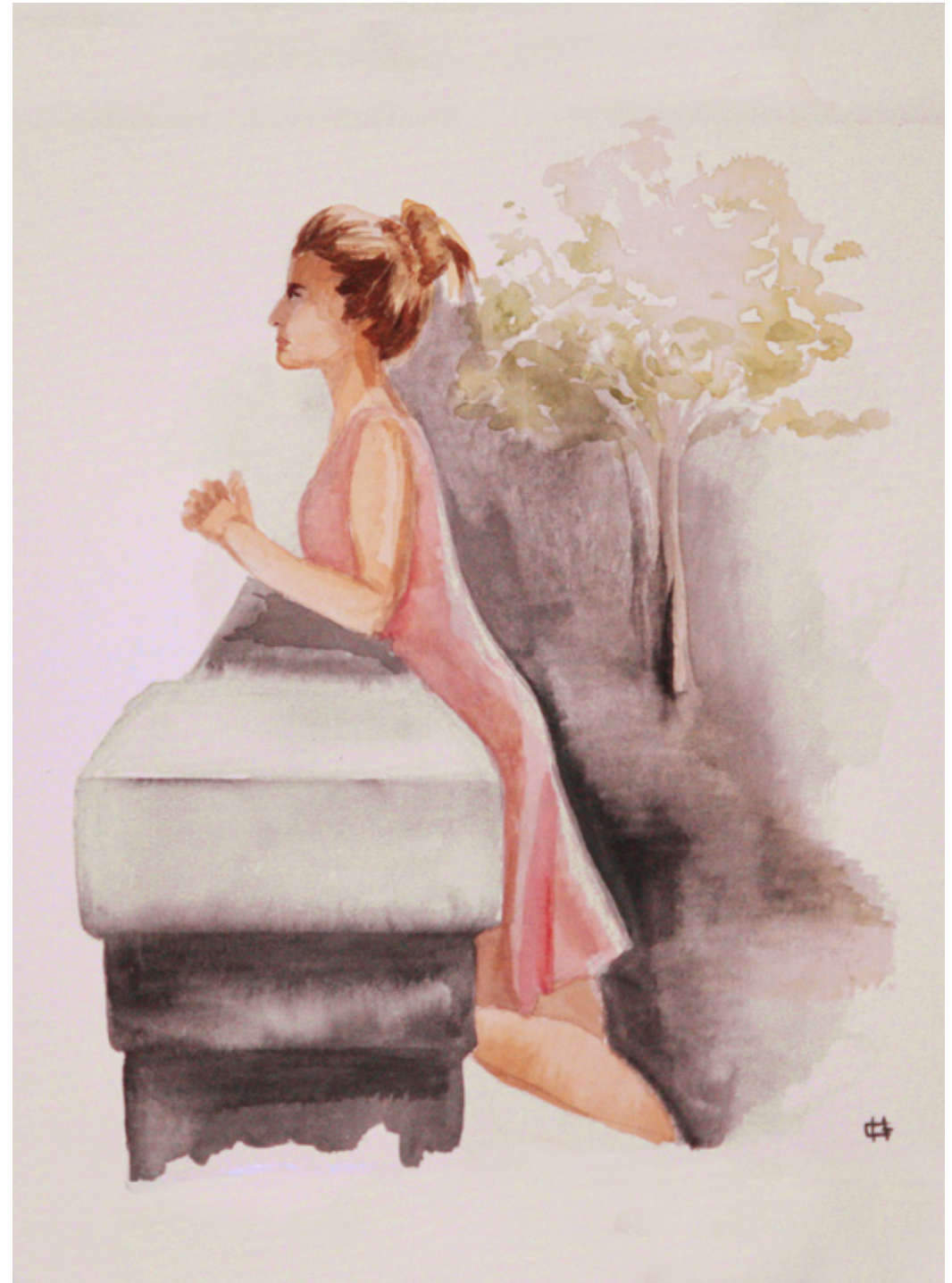
***“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord.
“They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you
a future and a hope.”***

JEREMIAH 29:11 NLT



T.'s life has not been easy. But after years of working in the sex industry, she is starting to dream of leaving the streets to manage her own business back in her home country. Our team encourages her to dream and celebrates each small step towards the future that God has for her.

It is so important that women like T. understand that God has good plans for their lives. Many women believe the lie that they will never leave the sex industry. Let us pray that this lie is broken in Jesus' Name, and that the women would begin to hope for and move towards a better future!





JUNE

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”

MATTHEW 7:11 NKJV



E. is a mother. She has three kids back in her home country and works the streets of Berlin solely to provide for them. Although she is physically and emotionally exhausted from the work, she continues for her children.

Our team meets many incredible and strong mothers who sacrifice everything to provide for their children. What we often remind them is, God is their loving father too and wants to provide for them in the same way! Let's pray that these women would come to know and trust God as their loving Father.

JULY

*“He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness,
and broke away their chains.”*

PSALM 107:14 NIV



Last year, S. came to our team asking for help to escape her pimp. We were able to secure her a place at a safe house, only to find her back on the streets several weeks later.

Unfortunately, it is all too common that women who escape forced prostitution will return to the streets. Our team is committed to caring for and walking alongside women like S. no matter how many times they should come back, but our prayer is that they would be free forever. Let us pray that God would break every chain that binds women like S. to a life of fear and oppression. Let's pray for freedom!





AUGUST

***“O Lord my God, I cried out to You,
and You healed me.”***

PSALM 30:2 NIV



During her years in Berlin’s red light district, N. became addicted to drugs. It helped to numb the pain of the work. N. has confided in our team that she is ready to get off the streets, but cannot find transitional housing that will accept individuals with addiction issues.

We interact with many women who struggle with addiction. We believe that the power of the Gospel can transform lives and even heal addiction. Let’s pray that women like N. would cry out to God for help and receive complete healing and restoration from addiction.

SEPTEMBER

*"You are the God who works wonders; you have made known
your might among the peoples."*

PSALM 77:14 NIV



God did a miracle in M.'s life. After taking a huge step of faith and leaving the streets, she had an accident and found herself in a coma for months. The doctors doubted she would survive, but she is now back on her feet and recovering every day. What's more, God provided a new apartment for her, which our team was able to help furnish and renovate!

There are many women in Berlin's sex industry that need a miracle. Let's pray that our God would make a way where there is no way, and that women like M. would come to know the God who works wonders.





OCTOBER

“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

PSALM 139:13-14 NIV



L. is 18 years old, but she has been working on the street for 5 years, miles away from her home country in Eastern Europe. “I know I shouldn’t be here, I’m just a kid,” she told our team, shrugging. Still, she sees herself as a ‘prostitute’ and nothing more.

Many women like L. were trafficked into sex work as young children. They are unhappy, but with time they have come to identify with the work. Let’s pray that women like L. would come to understand that they are beautiful and valuable creations of God, and that the traumatic events of their past do not define who they are.

NOVEMBER

*“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him
and eat with him, and he with me.”*

REVELATION 3:20 NIV



After Covid-19 hit, G. was forced to return to her home country. Our team was able to connect her to a local church in her area. G. met with the Pastor and there she gave her life to Jesus. The members of the church gave her food for her family as well as devotionals and the invitation to return soon. G. told us she wanted to bring her friend along next time!

We know that many women are afraid to come to Jesus because they feel unworthy. But the truth is, Jesus wants a relationship and communion with each and every woman. Let's pray this month for women like G., that they would open the door of their hearts to Jesus and allow him to enter their lives and transform it for the better.





DECEMBER

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

JOHN 3:16 NIV



In January 2021, M. arrived at our *Alabster Jar* Help Station looking dejected and sad. Christmas had already passed, but we had saved a *Hope Box* for her. When we presented it to her, she started to weep. It was the only gift she had received that year. Our team was able to encourage her and remind her how valuable and loved she truly is.

This Christmas season, let's pray for the women who have no community or family to celebrate with. Pray with us that women like M. would come to know the true hope of Christmas – that God so loved the world that he gave us the best gift of all: Jesus, our Savior.



YOUR
INVOLVEMENT
WITH

ALABASTER JAR

Here is how you can use your time, skills,
and talents to impact lives in Berlin's red-light district
through God's love:

PRAY FOR OUR WORK

Your prayers can change lives and are the foundation of our work. We are so grateful for everyone who supports our ministry through prayer.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

We invite you to come and visit an outreach to find out if volunteering in this area of work is right for you. In addition to Frontline Outreach, you can support our ministry by offering skills and experience in areas such as administration, healthcare, social work, etc. Contact us at alabasterjar@die-samariter.org and we will get back to you!

SUPPORT US –

PRACTICALLY and FINANCIALLY

To help the women in a practical way, we need resources! You can help us provide needed resources by donating food, hygiene items and clothes. We also invite you to partner with us financially. You can find our bank details on the last page.

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Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at [@alabasterjarberlin](https://www.instagram.com/alabasterjarberlin) and share our posts! By doing so, you'll raise awareness of this important issue and play a crucial role in the fight against sexual exploitation. Sign up for our quarterly newsletter to stay informed about our work: die-samariter.org/newsletter-aj

ABOUT SAMARITAN'S PURSE

We at Samaritan's Purse help people around the world in difficult life situations. Through our **National Programs**, we care for people facing homelessness and women trapped in prostitution across Germany. Our **International Programs** provide long-term and sustainable help to those in need: this includes medical care, nutrition, WASH (water, sanitation, hygiene) and education. Children in need experience at **"Weihnachten im Schuhkarton"** (internat. known as "Operation Christmas Child"), more than a moment of happiness through a filled shoebox and are touched with the love of God. With **humanitarian aid missions**, we support victims of disasters quickly and professionally. In everything we do, we want to make God's love for people tangible. We tell people about Jesus Christ and invite them to find new hope in Him.

→ Learn more – get active

Our ministry thrives on the commitment of thousands of volunteers, donors, and prayer partners. Therefore, we invite you to learn more about Samaritan's Purse and get involved! Please consider sponsoring one of our programs. For more information, visit: die-samariter.org/pate

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— OUR MISSION —

Samaritan's Purse e.V. serves in the name of Jesus Christ. Like the Good Samaritan, we bring people closer to the unconditional and unlimited love of God.

We support victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, hunger, and religious persecution regardless of their worldview, religious beliefs, ethnicity, gender, or other personality traits.

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