



PRAYER DIARY

— 2023 —





PRAYER

has always been central to the work of *Alabaster Jar* and Samaritan's Purse. Without prayer, our work 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.

ABOUT US

Alabaster Jar has been reaching women trapped in Berlin's sex industry with practical help and the love of Jesus Christ for over 16 years, and has been a project of Samaritan's Purse e.V. since September, 2021. As we enter a new year, we want to invite you to come alongside us in prayer once again.

Every year, the *Alabaster Jar* team reaches hundreds of women in Berlin's red-light district, and these women are desperately in need of prayer. Many are victims of trafficking, brought from many different countries and forced to work on the streets of Berlin. Many feel trapped in prostitution due to poverty, drug addictions, abusive relationships or homelessness. Without God's help, it is nearly impossible for these women to leave the streets long term. **That's why your prayer is so powerful.** This prayer diary will guide you in prayer for the women of Berlin who desperately need a breakthrough in their lives.

We also acknowledge that this is a spiritual battle and that our incredible team of staff and volunteers are fighting on the front lines. We need God's protection, strength, wisdom, and encouragement to continue doing the work well. This is why each month of this prayer diary will also include the opportunity to pray God's Word over our team.

At the end of the prayer diary, you will find various opportunities to stay in touch and support our work with women in forced prostitution. You will also find information regarding the world-wide crisis relief work of Samaritan's Purse.

We hope the pages of this book guide you well and encourage your heart as you intercede. Thank you so much for your support. Thank you for praying with us.

JANUARY

WE PRAY FOR PROTECTION ...



... OVER THE WOMEN

The women of Berlin's red-light district are extremely vulnerable to danger – both physical and spiritual. Women who attempt to leave the industry often find these attacks only increase during that process. Let's pray this psalm of protection over the women, that God would be their shelter and their protection in the midst of great darkness.

... OVER THE TEAM

Our faithful team of staff and volunteers go regularly into enemy territory in order to reach and care for the vulnerable. In addition, the team often experiences spiritual attacks and resistance to the work being done. Let's pray for protection for the whole *Alabaster Jar* team: that no evil can conquer them, and that angels will protect them wherever they go.

If you make the **LORD**
your **REFUGE**, if you make
The Most High
your shelter,
no evil will conquer you;
no plague will
come near your home.
For he will order his angels to
PROTECT YOU wherever
you go.

PSALM 91:9-11

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

FROM WHERE DOES MY HELP COME ?

*My Help comes from
the LORD,*

THE *Maker* OF HEAVEN
AND EARTH.

Psalms 121:1-2 ESV

FEBRUARY

WE PRAY FOR FAITH ...



... FOR THE WOMEN

We work with many women who desire to leave prostitution, but they do not believe that a new life is possible for them. Many women have been in prostitution for many years, others were trafficked as children. Let's pray that women in the most hopeless situations will receive faith that a new start is possible. Pray that they will put their faith in the Lord, who is mighty to save them.

... FOR THE TEAM

Anti-trafficking work means regularly being faced with circumstances which seem paralyzing and impossible. Please pray that in the midst of such injustice, our team would be filled with a childlike faith in the promises of our powerful God, who made the heavens and the earth.

MARCH

WE PRAY FOR PROVISION ...



... FOR THE WOMEN

Many women in Berlin's prostitution industry grew up in poverty and believe they must sacrifice themselves to provide for their children or families. Let's pray that these women would come to know the God of provision, who can be trusted to give richly and provide for those in need.

... FOR THE TEAM

Our work is only made possible through God's provision – in finances and in staffing. Please pray that God would bless our work in this new year with needed resources, with financial blessing, and with new team members who are able and willing to help us move the work forward.

YOU visit the earth
and water it;
You GREATLY
enrich it;
THE RIVER OF GOD is FULL of water;
You PROVIDE their grain,
for so you have
prepared it.

Psalm 65:9 ESV

I love you, LORD,
MY STRENGTH.

The Lord is my
ROCK, my fortress

and MY DELIVERER;

My God is my rock,
in whom I take refuge.

Psalms 18:1-2 ESV

APRIL

WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH ...



... FOR THE WOMEN

It takes enormous strength to take one's first steps out of the sex industry. In fact, we believe it is often only possible through God's strength. Let's pray specifically for the women who want to leave the work and are bravely taking their first steps in that direction. Pray that the Lord would be their strength, their Rock and their Deliverer.

... FOR THE TEAM

Many members of our team have been serving with *Alabaster Jar* for many years, and it can often be tempting to grow weary and discouraged. Please pray that God would strengthen the team, and that He would be our Rock and Fortress in difficult times.

MAY

WE PRAY FOR COMMUNITY ...



... FOR THE WOMEN

Pimps and loverboys will intentionally isolate the women they are trafficking so that the women have no meaningful connections outside of the work.

Let's pray that God will bring these women into a healthy, loving, godly community.

Let's pray for relationships that can help guide the women toward truth and freedom.

... FOR THE TEAM

Relationships of love and support are so important to those working in anti-trafficking ministries.

Let's pray that the *Alabaster Jar* team would not only be a healthy and supportive community in itself, but that each staff member and volunteer would be cared for by their own communities of families and friends.

Bring me out of prison

SO I CAN

Thank You.

THE Righteous will crowd me,

for YOU are

GOOD to me.

PSALM 142:7 NLT

Show me

THE RIGHT PATH O LORD;

point out

The Road for me to follow.

LEAD ME by your truth
and teach me, FOR YOU

are the GOD
who SAVES me.

Psalm 25:4-5 NLT

JUNE

WE PRAY FOR WISDOM ...



... FOR THE WOMEN

Berlin's red-light district is an intense and dangerous environment. One wrong decision has the potential to derail a woman's whole life. Whether that is getting into the wrong car or trusting the wrong person, the women need wisdom. Pray that God would not only guide them in their everyday decisions, but that he would lead them down a road of freedom and healing.

... FOR THE TEAM

Our leadership team of *Alabaster Jar* needs wisdom. Each decision, big and small, can impact the lives of the women and the direction of the work. Please cover our leadership in prayer, that they would be fully dependent on God's wisdom.

JULY

WE PRAY FOR REDEMPTION ...



... FOR THE WOMEN

We believe it is only through Jesus Christ that one can enter into true freedom. Like every person, the women on the street are in desperate need of the redemptive blood of Jesus. Please pray that they would understand Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for them and receive the gift of salvation, which would ultimately bring lasting change in their lives.

... FOR THE TEAM

Serving in ministry does not make us immune to struggles and sin. Pray that our team of staff and volunteers would live in great humility, regularly casting their cares on Jesus and confessing their struggles transparently to one another. Pray they would experience God's mercy and redemptive love in every area of life.

Have **MERCY** on me,

O GOD,

because of your unfailing **LOVE**.

Because of your **GREAT** compassion,

blot out the stain of my sins.

Wash me clean from my guilt.

PURIFY me from my sin.

Psalms 51:1-2 NLT

WHO may climb the *mountain*
of the *Lord*?
may stand in *his holy place*?
Only those whose
hands and hearts
are pure...

PSALM 24:3-4 NLT

AUGUST

WE PRAY FOR PURITY ...



... FOR THE WOMEN

A. once told us she believed herself to be too dirty to read the Bible. We told her that the Bible is not for people who are clean but for those who need to be made clean. Please pray that women like A. would understand that purity is available to anyone in Jesus and that they would be bold to ask to be made pure.

... FOR THE TEAM

Working in such a sexually charged context presents unique temptations and challenges. Please pray that God would protect the purity of our staff and volunteers in their inner thoughts and private lives.

SEPTEMBER

WE PRAY FOR HEALING ...



... FOR THE WOMEN

We encounter women every week who experience extreme health difficulties as a result of the work. Some women suffer drug addictions, which often leads to serious health conditions. Pray that these women would come to know Jesus as their Healer. Pray that God's healing power would completely restore their health in miraculous ways.

... FOR THE TEAM

In the same way, please pray for healing and good health for our staff. Pray that God would protect the health of our team and that His healing power would bring lasting improvement to those experiencing health difficulties.

O Lord
MY GOD,
I cried to you for
HELP,
and you Restored my health.

Psalm 30:2 NLT

May he grant your heart's desires
and make all your plans
succeed.

May we shout for **JOY**
when we hear
of your victory

AND RAISE A VICTORY BANNER

in the name of our
GOD.

PSALM 20:4-5 NLT

OCTOBER

**WE PRAY
FOR BREAKTHROUGH...**



... FOR THE WOMEN

To leave a life of prostitution can be incredibly difficult, but we believe that with God all things are possible! Please pray for each woman whose heart longs to leave the work, that God would grant these desires and make her plans succeed.

Pray for breakthrough and victory in each small step forward.

... FOR THE TEAM

The greatest desire of our team is to help the women of Berlin's prostitution industry enter into real and lasting freedom. As we make plans and develop projects, please pray that God would bless the work of our hands and give us breakthrough!

NOVEMBER

WE PRAY FOR COMFORT ...



... FOR THE WOMEN

Our team works closely with women who are deeply traumatized by the events of their past and their life circumstances. Women often share with us that they experience depression and/or extreme fear when working on the street. Pray with us that these women would experience the lasting comfort of the Good Shepherd.

... FOR THE TEAM

Our team regularly witnesses extreme suffering and pain in the lives of women, many of whom have become friends. Please pray that our team, even as they are burdened for the work and the women, would experience God's great comfort.

Even though
I Walk ^{through the valley} of the *shadow* of death,
I WILL fear NO evil,
for you are with me;
Your ROD and STAFF,
your STAFF,
they Comfort me.

Psalms 23:4 ESV

MAY THERE BE NO ENEMY
breaking through our walls,
NO GOING into captivity,
no cries of alarm in our town squares.
YHS, joyful are those who
live like this!
Joyful INDEED
are those
whose God is the LORD.

Psalms 144:14-15 NLT

DECEMBER

WE PRAY FOR JOY ...



... FOR THE WOMEN

For many women, the Christmas season is not a joyful time but rather a reminder of disappointment and pain. Please pray that during this year's Christmas Outreaches, the women would understand the story of Jesus and come to know the God who protects, sets free and gives true joy.

... FOR THE TEAM

This month our team will wrap up another year of involvement with *Alabaster Jar*, a year filled with victories and challenges. Please pray that the hearts of our team would be filled with great thankfulness and joy as we reflect on all God has done.

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. You are invited to join us for prayer once a month at our online Alabaster Jar Prayer Room. If interested, please contact us at:

alabasterjar@die-samariter.org

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

We invite you to 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 cooking and baking, administration, or social work. 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.

STAY IN CONTACT

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at [@alabasterjarberlin](https://www.instagram.com/alabasterjarberlin) and share our content! By doing so, you'll raise awareness about 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. Through **"Weihnachten im Schuhkarton"**, (internat. known as "Operation Christmas Child"), children in need experience more than a moment of happiness when they receive a gift-filled shoebox and are touched by the love of God. With **international relief** we quickly respond and professionally support victims of disasters. In everything we do, we want to show God's love in a tangible way. 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

Subscribe to our newsletter to receive updates about our ministry: die-samariter.org/newsletter
(only in German, biweekly)

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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