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.

Psalm 91:9-11
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.
... 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.

Psalm 121:1-2 ESV
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.
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.

Psalm 65:9 ESV
You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide grain, for so you have prepared it.
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.

Psalm 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
… 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.

Psalm 25:4-5 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.
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 LOVE.
Because of your GREAT compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.
Wash me clean from my guilt.
PURIFY me from my sin.

Psalm 51:1-2, NLT
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 your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 23:4  ESV
MAY THERE BE NO ENEMY
breaking through our walls,
no going into captivity,
no cries of alarm in our town squares.

Yes, joyful are those who
live like this!

Joyful indeed
are those
whose God is the LORD.

Psalm 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.
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.

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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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