



**FOURTH ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND OF PRAYER AND FASTING
FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL TRAFFICKING
September 25-27, 2009**

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Let's unleash the most powerful fighter, defender of the oppressed, champion of good and enemy of evil. Pray to God daily for the abolition of modern-day slavery.

Pray the victims will have a hedge of protection around them, one less client to service that hour or day, be spared a beating or a rape, feel God's love and presence, experience hope that their rescue is imminent, they will be freed and their lives restored - physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Pray for President Obama's administration, senators, representatives and non-governmental organizations working to abolish slavery to continue fighting the good fight, have resources to achieve abolition, be successful in their efforts, set their message out to every nation and influence governments to punish traffickers, pimps and johns. Pray for funding for more shelters.

Pray for those who use slaves, be it sexual or labor to be caught and convicted of their crime, acknowledge their sin, repent and turn their desires from evil and toward good, that instead of benefiting from the enslavement of another human being, they would rescue and restore the enslaved.

Pray for the pimps and the traffickers to be convicted and punished for their crimes. Moreover, pray that they would be moved by a spirit of conviction to repentance and that they use their knowledge of the sex trafficking trade to expose and destroy it and use their ill-gotten gain to make restitution to the enslaved.

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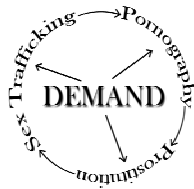
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What is sex trafficking?

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Some facts about the commercial sex industry:

- The average age of entry into prostitution in the U.S. is 12-14. (Source: U.S. Department of Justice)
- It is estimated 293,000 American youth are currently at risk of becoming victims of commercial sexual exploitation. (Source: U.S. Department of Justice)
- A nine-country study of prostituted people found 89 percent wanted to escape prostitution. (Source: prostitutionresearch.com)
- Sixty-three percent of those in the study had been sexually abused as children.
- Average age of first exposure to Internet porn is 11. (Source: XXXChurch.com)
- Fifty-three percent of Christian men consume pornography. (Source: XXXChurch.com)



As this diagram illustrates, prostitution, pornography and sex trafficking would not exist without demand for commercial sexual exploitation. Sex trafficking victims are in strip clubs, brothels, pornography and street prostitution. To help the victims we must: **End demand for commercial sexual exploitation.**

To learn more, please see the sex trafficking section on the Beverly LaHaye Institute's home page at www.cwfa.org/bli and the U.S. Department of State's 2009 Trafficking in Persons Report at www.state.gov/g/tip, which also provides links to all federal agency anti-trafficking efforts.

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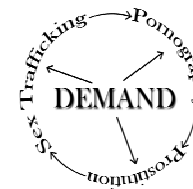
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