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## Governor's Response Against Child Exploitation



**Sunday, January 17:** *Pray for discernment on the actions you can personally take to address human trafficking.*

### Helpful Context:

- Every Texan has an opportunity to join the fight against human trafficking, whether by educating friends, mentoring vulnerable youth, being a conscious consumer, financially supporting trusted organizations, or reporting suspicious activity.
- What can you do about human trafficking? [Be the O.N.E. – Observe. Notify. Empower.](#)
- Explore [10 ways you can help end trafficking](#) and learn more about how [faith-based and community organizations](#) can be involved.

### Sample Prayers:

- Baptist  
Dear Lord, forgive me for the false lords in my life that clamor for my time and money. Help me to make the most of each day as I value those around me and see them all as loved by you. Make me sensitive to the cost of my action and inaction upon others. Point me to trustworthy, credible ministries that I can support and assist.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, who saw my need for Grace, and paid the price I pray. Amen.  
Read Matthew 6:19-21 (Our eternal treasure is worth the investment of our time and money)
- Episcopalian  
Holy Father,  
I come to you with an open heart and open spirit. Guide my words, my actions and my influence as I strive to raise God-loving children. Help me to educate my family about human trafficking in a way that they can understand. Protect my children from friends and influences that would confuse the truth. Help me build trust with my children so that we can speak openly about human trafficking issues. Let my children be a force for good, through teaching them to love unconditionally. In your name we pray, Amen.
- Jewish  
El Roi -- God Who Sees Me  
Allow me to be of help in this world. Give me discernment and inspiration to utilize what I have in order to improve the lives of others. Let me learn and teach others. Guide me as a mentor. Remind us that we have clean hands and a pure heart as we seek You. Lift high your lintels and open your ancient doors. Encourage me to take my life seriously and open insight to me, so I may see the enduring holiness of other human beings.  
*Ani ma'amin be'emunah shleimah, b'viat hamashiach.*  
I believe with perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah. And even if the Messiah will be late, I will still wait.



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- Muslim

Our Lord light our path and make us vessels of your mercy and justice. Let us be your kindness and your love in this world.

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