



Prayer for Living in Bondage

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ (Romans 8:1). One of the forms of bondage that women experience is guilt. Second Corinthians 5:17 declares: 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!' Jesus sets us free from the bondage of sin, the pain of condemnation, the weight of accusation, and the debilitating burden of both false and true guilt. He liberates us from the haunting echoes of the past, giving us new life and a fresh start. Freedom in Christ is absolute and complete.



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매주 월요일에 기도카드를 받으실 수 있습니다.

- God, encourage the believers in the Albanian women's prisons to stand strong in you and to freely share their stories of faith with those around them. (2 Tim. 1:8)
- Father, we ask that you raise up churches in Bonaire to be able to care for and bring hope to those who are victims of sex and labor trafficking. (Ps. 72:12)
- Lord, we pray for justice for rural workers in northern Brazil who are exploited. May the authorities enforce labor laws in that area. (Prov. 14:31)
- Lord, set free those in Cambodia who struggle with internet use that results in sexual exploitation or gambling addiction. (John 8:36)
- Father, we pray against exploitation of Haitian, Venezuelan and other migrants in Chile who face abusive labor conditions, especially in agriculture and construction. (Deut. 27:19)
- God, we ask you to protect women who are at risk of being trafficked to China to become brides because of the gender imbalance there. (Ps. 32:7)
- Father, please rescue victims of armed conflict in Colombia who are forced to work under inhumane conditions. Protect them and give them justice. (Isa. 61:8)
- God, we pray for those trapped in prostitution in the Dominican Republic. Provide them with dignified work and emotional and spiritual healing. (Ps. 107:20)
- Father, rescue victims of human trafficking in Eswatini and lead them to freedom. Heal their wounds, restore their dignity and fill them with hope for a new beginning. (Isa. 61:1)
- Lord, we pray that the practice in Ethiopia of pressuring young girls to marry will be ended and that women will achieve increased literacy. (Jer. 29:11)
- Heavenly Father, please help the women in Indonesia trapped by predatory loans. Provide a way out for them and lead them to financial freedom and peace. (Ps. 72:4)
- God, we ask that you rescue children in Japan from sexual violence and exploitation. Please strengthen those who seek to help them. (2 Thess. 3:3)
- God, please protect the vulnerable women and girls in the tourist and border areas of Mexico from being trafficked. Raise up churches and the government to defend them. (Isa. 1:17)
- Lord, we ask that the government in Mongolia would enact laws to stop sexual exploitation and human trafficking, including forced labor, for young people. (1 Tim. 2:1-2)
- Father, please give justice and strength to the women in Myanmar imprisoned for defending human rights. Please protect the children forced to stay with them. (Prov. 21:15)
- Father, please protect the prostitutes in the Red Light District in the Netherlands. Draw them to your light so they may seek and find you. (2 Cor. 5:17)

17. God, we ask for laws to protect girls forced into early marriages in Nicaragua and for changes in the cultural norms that encourage this practice. (Ps. 140:12)
18. Comfort the hearts of North Korean parents whose children are fighting in the Ukraine-Russia war. Bring peace to the fighting, Lord, so that families may be reunited. (2 Cor. 13:11)
19. Lord, please bring change to the traditions in Papua New Guinea that devalue women and force girls to marry young. Restore their worth and protect their dignity. (Isa. 58:6)
20. Heavenly Father, please rescue those in Paraguay who are working as domestic servants and have no protection or rights. Provide them with safe homes. (Ps. 82:3)
21. Lord, we intercede for women who are physically or verbally assaulted within their families or workplaces in Romania. Please stop the abusers and guide these mistreated women to you. (Ps. 64:1)
22. Father, bring holistic healing, restoration and hope to those who have been victims of human trafficking in Russia. (Jer. 30:17)
23. As kidnappings and human trafficking escalate in South Africa, Father, rescue and bring healing to the victims. May these kidnapping rings be dismantled. (Ps. 82:4)
24. Lord, turn the hearts of women prisoners in Spain who have come to know you toward their families with a desire to care for their loved ones. (Isa. 49:15)
25. God, give a hunger and thirst to those in Swiss prisons to read the Bibles available to them. Open their hearts to respond to your invitation of salvation. (1 Tim. 2:4)
26. Due to life's difficulties, many women in Tanzania take loans that they cannot afford to repay and therefore lose their belongings and homes. Lord, open the way for these women to support themselves. (Prov. 22:7)
27. Heavenly Father, please heal the children of Timor-Leste who are victims of war and exploitation. In your mercy, please comfort them, restore their lives and protect them. (Matt. 19:14)
28. Violence, economic instability and the lack of freedom have caused many in Venezuela to leave their nation. Father, protect and bring restoration to those experiencing sexual and labor exploitation abroad. (Lam. 3:34)
29. God, two-thirds of the women in Vietnam face partner abuse, including emotional, physical, economic and physical harm. Please protect, provide comfort for them and change their situations. (Ps. 34:18)
30. Father, minister through our leaders Arta and Vita as they share your love with women in Albanian prisons and establish good relationships with the prison staff. (John 13:34-35)
31. Father, please free children who are forced to work as servants and suffer abuse in Haiti. Restore them emotionally and give them better lives. (Deut. 10:18)

"Confessing guilt brings freedom"

- Embracing Hope by Susie Pek -

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!" Romans 8:1

Our prayer focus for August centers on the reality of "living in bondage." This is a hard topic, as the struggles some women encounter can feel unbearable, even irreversible. It's in these moments that we turn to prayer, acknowledging that only the Lord is God, and he is all-powerful. For him, nothing is impossible.

As we contemplate the theme of bondage, it's crucial to recognize that a different form of constraint can affect not only those facing difficult external circumstances but also all of us at various times. I'm speaking of the bondage of guilt. Lilly's story serves as an illustration of how this form of captivity can manifest.

"Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa!" This lament, a cry of profound guilt voiced in a Catholic prayer of confession, was Lilly's constant companion. Though the burden was immense, she had grown accustomed to navigating life under its oppressive weight. This relentless "enemy" had shadowed her for three decades, making life weighty.

Finally, the day arrived when she could no longer endure bearing this burden. With deep anguish, she confided in a friend, seeking to understand the invisible force holding her back. Her friend, filled with compassion and attuned to the Spirit, gently stated, "Lilly, you need to confess to the Lord the guilt you have been carrying. The burden is no longer yours. It was fully dealt with on the cross."

Suddenly, everything began to align. The two women prayed together, and as Lilly poured out her confession to the Lord, she immediately felt an enormous weight lift from her shoulders. She embraced newfound freedom.

Lilly's experience is not isolated; it mirrors the silent struggles of countless women shadowed by guilt. However, when we address the topic, it's vital to distinguish between two distinct forms: false guilt and true guilt. If the guilt we carry is unfounded, then we must actively resist allowing it to take root in our minds and hearts, preventing it from dominating our thoughts and actions.

Conversely, if the guilt stems from actual wrongdoing, we no longer need to bear its weight alone. As Scripture assures us, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

Have you, like Lilly, ever felt trapped within yourself, as though a slave to your own conscience? Have you experienced the torment of guilt, feeling dominated and controlled by its relentless presence? Perhaps you have internalized negative pronouncements and accusations throughout your life, becoming a captive to their influence, acting impulsively as if under an oppressive power from which escape seems impossible. Or perhaps you are burdened by the consequences of past choices, unable to break free from genuine guilt, even after sincere repentance and a commitment to change.

If any of this resonates with you, remember the profound source of hope: Christ possesses the power to liberate us completely. He illuminates our lives with truth, dismantling every lie spoken against us, shattering every false accusation. He frees us from the haunting echoes of the past and offers us a new life, a fresh beginning.

Jesus declared, "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32). Christ is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6). In Romans 8:33-34, we find this affirmation: "Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us."

And 2 Corinthians 5:17 proclaims, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!" Jesus sets us free from the bondage of sin, the sting of condemnation, the weight of accusations and the debilitating burden of both false and true guilt. In Christ, freedom is absolute and complete.

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