



Uniting our hearts in *prayer*

Light shines through broken places

My name means Jasmine*, a flower that needs gentle care and constant attention. Yet in my life, I was never treated gently, nor truly seen, neither in my family nor in my society.

I was born in Iran to a family belonging to the dominant religion. From the age of 3, I was abused by relatives and later by my stepfather. Whenever I tried to speak about it, I was blamed and told I must have provoked it. I grew up in a society where a woman is often not allowed to speak or be heard.

For 25 years, I lived in silence and darkness, calling out to a God I feared but did not know.

Then one day, I came across a radio program. The hosts were speaking about loneliness, and how God can use even our deepest wounds for good. For a moment, it felt as if they were speaking directly to me, almost as if they knew my story.

Before hearing this program, I had never believed my pain had meaning. I never imagined there was a God who saw me or cared for me. Day by day, I began waiting for the *Women of Hope* program. I listened carefully and took notes, because it was very difficult to find a Bible in Iran. Every verse I heard touched my heart as if written for me alone.

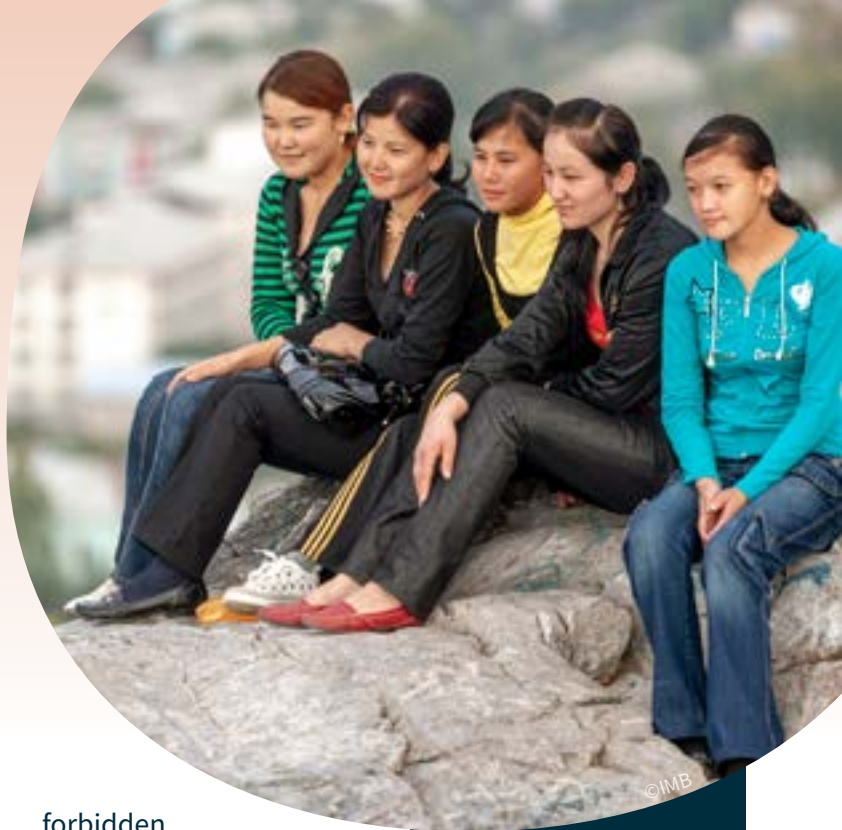
The words were so different from what I had known. They were full of love, mercy and forgiveness. I heard the name Jesus, a name

forbidden in my home. Yet he no longer felt distant. Slowly, I realized he understood my pain. He knew me by name, and I came to understand that he does not judge me but rather loves me.

I chose him because he saw me completely. I still carry my scars, but I am not ashamed of them because I have learned that light shines through broken places.

Today, I continue to share my story, so that others may come to know this truth: No matter how broken or alone you feel, there is still hope. There is a living God who sees you, knows you and covers you with his grace.

– *Jasmine**, TWR Women of Hope national coordinator in Iran



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September

1. Many young people in **Mardin, Türkiye**, face despair and suicidal thoughts. Father, reveal yourself as their healer, protector and life purpose. Raise up supportive communities around them. (Isa. 41:10)

2. Lord, protect girls in **Northern Cyprus** suffering violence at the hands of their boyfriends who control their lives, friendships and conversations. (2 Sam. 22:3-4)

3. Lord, be the refreshing spring and breath of life to mothers in **Kyrgyzstan** experiencing burnout as they struggle to raise their disabled children. (Jer. 31:25)

4. Father, amid increasing persecution, empower women in **North Africa** to grow in resilience through TWR Women of Hope programs and ongoing follow-up. (1 Pet. 5:9-10)

5. God, please bring holistic restoration to our team in **Israel** and those in every nation experiencing war. May your peace bring healing to all those suffering post-traumatic stress disorder. (Matt. 11:28-30)

6. May women in **Lebanon, Egypt, Tunisia and Jordan** experience your faithfulness and provision amid economic hardship, rising costs and financial insecurity.

Open doors of opportunity. (Gen. 22:14)

7. Father, enable women in **Türkiye** to be faithfully devoted like Ruth when facing brokenness and difficult family relationships. Strengthen love, forgiveness and unity in their homes. (1 Cor. 13:7)

8. Lord, protect vulnerable women in **Kurdish**-speaking communities, where addictions are rising. Break cycles of dependence and open paths of recovery and sober living to all who are bound. (Gal. 5:1)

9. May students who have come to believe in Jesus while at school return to their homes in **Northern Cyprus** and courageously share their faith with their families. (Eph. 6:19-20)

10. Lord, encourage women in **Turkmenistan** who struggle with depression and anxiety because of their strictly controlled lifestyles to find freedom and salvation in you. (Isa. 26:3)

11. May Christian mothers in **Uzbekistan** daily receive wisdom from God to handle their work, love their families and be the light of Christ in their communities. (Matt. 5:14-16)

12. Lord, protect the health and safety of our **North African** team members and families as they minister amid increasingly restrictive laws, heightened security and daily challenges. (Heb. 12:3)

13. God, fill our Russian-speaking team in **Israel** with your wisdom, strength and creativity to minister to women ages 20 to 45 through six social media channels. (Col. 1:9)

14. Father, be the refuge and hope for women affected by war and instability in **Sudan, Palestine, Syria and Yemen**. Comfort them as they protect their families during times of loss and displacement. (Ps. 62:6-7)

15. God, may your peace and protection overcome the national anxiety and chaos people have experienced in the **Mardin** region of **Türkiye**. Both families and societal trust need restoration. (2 Thess. 3:16)

16. May students from **Northern Cyprus** be curious to know more about Jesus. May they have an encounter with you, Lord. (Jer. 29:13)

17. Lord, provide godly mentors to be Christ's light for **Karakalpakstan** girls, teaching them to trust God fully. May *Women of Hope* programs guide them as well. (Titus 2:3-5)

18. May women in **Türkiye** courageously stand like Esther, embracing God's purpose for them, finding their worth in his love and knowing that they are precious in his sight. (Esther 4:14-16)

19. God, guide our team in **Israel** with your wisdom as they prepare to launch a new Hebrew outreach to the 43% of Israelis who identify as secular. (Col. 4:5-6)

20. As **Arab** women search for hope and truth, Father, use radio, digital media, personal relationships and your Word to reveal yourself and your love to them. (John 1:17)

21. Sovereign Lord, we pray that the restrictive laws being drafted in **North Africa**, which threaten to limit our team's online engagement, would not pass into law. (Ps. 121:7-8)

22. God, encourage and strengthen women believers in countries where openly following Christ may bring rejection, family pressure or isolation. Guard and guide their hearts. (Josh. 1:9)

23. May women in **Türkiye** keep their eyes on you,



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Lord, not losing hope amid life's challenges, economic hardships or uncertainty that you are their hope-filled future. (Jer. 29:11)

24. Lord, bring peace, unity and harmony to the communities of **Northern Cyprus**. May its people be willing to overcome past divisions. (Eph. 4:3-6)

25. God, give courage to **Kazakhstan** mothers raising the next generation of Christian believers to stand firm in their faith within families and communities that practice other religions. (1 Cor. 16:13)

26. Lord, guide our **North African** team members in encouraging and strengthening women and families in Christ through their follow-up efforts and face-to-face engagement. (Col. 2:6-7)

27. Father, heal and strengthen women in **Türkiye** to reach out to you and walk in faith rather than fear as they struggle with illness, exhaustion or emotional pain. (Mark 5:36)

28. Lord, open the spiritual eyes of **Tajikistan** women who care for their husband's entire family. May their burdens be lifted and they find salvation in you. (Ps. 55:22)

29. Father, please provide a facility in **Israel** where our team members can gather in person with women for fellowship, Bible study and prayer. (Heb. 10:24-25)

30. Just as Hannah poured out her heart to you, Lord, may women in **Türkiye** bring every burden and fear to you. May your peace guard their hearts and minds. (Phil. 4:6-7)



October

1. Lord, change the mindsets of youth in **Nigeria** who are committing ritual killings and fraud for quick money. May they learn to value life over ill-gotten wealth. (Job 33:4)

2. Father, bring hope and refuge to women living in fear of violence in **Northern Cyprus**. May the authorities and communities act with justice and compassion to stop all forms of assault. (Ps. 46:1-2)

3. May the worship and prayers of **North Korean** underground churches transform their nation. Lord, protect these faithful ones, where discovery means death or prison camps. (Ps. 17:8)

4. Men, women and children remain vulnerable to labor trafficking in **Papua New Guinea**. God, bring protection, freedom, justice and restored lives to those harmed. (Isa. 1:17)

5. God, destroy the generational cycles of abuse, manipulation and silence within **Portuguese** families. May the Church arise to protect the vulnerable and bring restorative dignity to the wounded. (Ps. 147:3)

6. Lord, every hour, 14 **Romanian** women are assaulted. Bring an end to this violence, protect those in danger, heal victims and transform abusers' hearts. (Ps. 12)

Being light, support & love

Israel is a country of deep traditions, strong contrasts and constant tension, and much of these same qualities can be found in its remarkably diverse female population: They are religious and secular, native-born and immigrant. But a commonality among the women here is that they carry the weight of home, work, children and family, often hiding fatigue, anxiety and loneliness behind outward strength.

Today, this weight is especially heavy for Russian-speaking women navigating life in a new country. Military conflict, uncertainty and emotional overload lead many to burnout, fear and loss of joy. Even years after emigrating from Russia to Israel, many live between two worlds: past and present, between their native language and a new culture, carrying the quiet ache of feeling, *"I am still a stranger here."*

I know this journey personally. Having gone through the difficult process of moving to Israel myself, I understand these women deeply. Sometimes one kind word, a sincere conversation or a shared prayer is enough to keep someone from breaking.

I see how much women in Israel need not just advice, but genuine care, support and hope. That is why I created a space online where women can speak openly about their emotions, anxiety, loneliness and inner struggles. Through videos,

personal conversations and prayer on Facebook and YouTube, I foster an atmosphere of warmth and comfort, reminding women of their value in God's eyes. Many share their stories and support one another.

Gradually, this community is becoming a place where women stop feeling invisible and begin taking their first steps toward God. Some reach out for personal conversations, which opens the door to speak more deeply about faith, hope and a biblical perspective on life's challenges. When a woman shows interest in Scripture, I connect her with the Iris Gilboa Christian community where she can receive help finding a church and fellowship with believers in her area.

In March, during rocket attacks, I met a young woman in a bomb shelter who had an autistic son. After several conversations, she began attending church with me in Haifa. Recently, a woman from northern Israel joined the group and is planning to attend a church service for the first time.

I believe the most important thing we can give Israeli women today is a reminder that they are valuable, loved and not forgotten by God. My prayer is that more and more women in Israel would become women of hope. Women not only able to endure hardship, but who are ready to bring Christ's light, support and love to others.

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7. Lord, grant comfort, peace and support to those in **Russia** receiving an HIV diagnosis. May they find courage to live knowing that you walk with them each day. (John 16:33)

8. Father, multiply the shelters and workers to minister to abused women in **South Africa** affected by gender-based violence. Raise up believers to love and protect the innocent and vulnerable. (Ps. 140:1, 4)

9. Protect girls in **Timor-Leste** from forced marriage, Lord. Give families hearts that honor their daughters' rights, education and freedom to choose. (Ps. 82:3-4)

10. May victims of domestic violence in **Uruguay** find protection and escape from abusive situations. Raise up safe support networks and compassionate hearts to help them. (Prov. 24:11-12)

11. May physical abuse, emotional harm, coercive control and all violence against women in **Vietnam** come to an end and may survivors find safety, healing and justice. (Ps. 29:11)

12. Father, stop the adults in **Belarus** who are engaged in pedophilia and are sexually abusing children. May they have godly repentance and change of heart. (Ezek. 18:30-31)

13. May cycles of abuse, silence and shame be broken in **Bonaire**: shame rooted in family histories of poverty, prostitution or crime, and silence born from suffering alone. (John 8:36)

14. Lord, raise up places of protection, healing and safety

for women and children fleeing gender-based violence in **Botswana**. (Ps. 72:12-14)

15. Lord, heal hearts filled with emotional distress of **Cambodian** women impacted by domestic violence within their families. (John 14:27)

16. God, rescue women trapped in the cross-border bride trafficking trade caused by **China's** one-child policy. Bring justice on perpetrators and restoration to victims. (Isa. 61:1)

17. Lord, please protect children in **Denmark** from sexual abuse and incest. Give victims courage to speak and guard them from further contact with their abusers. (Mark 9:36-37)

18. Father, bring healing to victims of domestic abuse in the **Dominican Republic**. Grant them courage to seek help and care from the resources around them. (Ps. 23:4)

19. Lord, we pray in Jesus' name for an end to gender-based violence and femicide in **Eastern Cape, South Africa**. (1 Pet. 3:7)

20. Father, raise up trauma-healing ministries for women in **Eswatini** carrying wounds of abuse, rejection and grief. Restore their hearts with your comfort. (Ps. 34:18)

21. Father, protect women and girls in **Germany** from rising violence. May each victim find courage to seek help, and may leaders respond with decisive action. (Ps. 91:1-4)

22. Protect girls in **Indonesia**, Lord, at risk of female genital mutilation. Give parents

and community leaders wisdom and the courage to end harmful practices permanently. (Prov. 31:8)

23. In Japan, some **non-Japanese** often are exploited into inhumane forced labor, and their children often face sexual exploitation. God, crush these evil systems and save these victims. (Micah 6:8)

24. Father, give patience and wisdom to suffering **Mongolian** women whose family relationships have grown cold due to their husbands' addiction to alcohol. (1 Pet. 5:7)

25. May women in **Myanmar** be free from violence, discrimination and fear. Lord, bring justice, restore dignity and empower them through education, safety and opportunity. (Prov. 3:23-26)

26. Father, let your justice roll like a river in **Liberia**. Bring to light hidden abuse and may every abuser who refuses to repent be brought to justice. (Amos 5:24)

27. God, we pray for peace in **Nigeria**. By your power may every form of violence, terrorism, kidnapping or bloodshed come to an end. (Ps. 46:9)

28. Lord, may women in **Northern Cyprus** suffering domestic or workplace abuse or violence courageously speak out and find protection, support and healing. (Ps. 9:9-10)

29. Father, heal the deep trauma caused by fear, violence and starvation carried by **North Koreans**



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since birth. Transform their culture and awaken hearts of compassion for one another. (Ezek. 36:26)

30. Lord, expose the psychological abuse in **Chinese** homes and raise up churches and shelters as places of refuge, healing and truth. (Isa. 54:14)

31. God, may your healing and restoration be on **Lebanese** women experiencing abuse, injustice, oppression and unhealthy relationships. May they find a safe support system. (Ps. 34:16-18)



When the world wounds, God draws near

*“He will wipe every
tear from their
eyes. There will be
no more death or
mourning or crying
or pain, for the old
order of things has
passed away.”*

– REVELATION 21:4



In October, we turn our hearts toward one of the most painful and pressing realities in our world today: violence against women. It is not an easy topic, but we must discuss it. I believe that when we pray, we enter into sacred space: standing in the gap for women whose voices have been silenced, whose bodies have been broken and whose hearts carry wounds the world cannot see.

The numbers alone are sobering. According to the World Health Organization, 30% of women — that’s nearly one of every three women worldwide — have experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime. Some in their own homes. And it doesn’t stop there. Human trafficking continues to devastate communities around the world. Women and girls represent 71% of all modern slavery victims, which means approximately 35 million women and girls are living in some form of exploitation right now. The majority of girl victims are trafficked for sexual exploitation.

These are not just statistics. Behind every number is a face, a name, a story — a daughter, a mother, a sister. And every single one of them matters deeply to God. He created man and

woman in his image and likeness and placed them in a perfect world, one without violence. But sin entered the world, and everything changed. The desires of the human heart were distorted, and to this day, sin leaves its mark. Sin destroys, but God restores.

Hold on to this truth as we pray: God cares for women! Even in the ancient laws of the Old Testament, long before the world talked about human rights or dignity, God was already legislating on behalf of women: protecting them, honoring them, refusing to let them be treated as commodities. His heart has not changed.

As followers of Christ, we are called to pursue justice for those who are oppressed and mistreated. The Bible continually speaks about God’s desire for justice and righteousness, urging us to protect the vulnerable. **“Defend the weak and the fatherless,” says Psalm 82:3-4, “uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”**

Violence, whether physical, psychological, verbal or sexual, is never God’s design. Every act of cruelty against a woman breaks the Father’s heart. He sees

what the world overlooks. He hears the cries that go unspoken. He draws near to those who suffer in silence.

That is exactly why our prayers matter. When we intercede for women trapped in violent homes, for girls exploited and trafficked, for women whose souls carry the invisible scars of abuse, we are saying, ***“She matters. Her life matters. Her healing matters.”***

So, as we pray this month, let us do so with both grief and hope. Grief, because this suffering is real and painful. And hope, because we serve a God who is mighty to save, to heal and to restore. At the start of his ministry on Earth, Jesus read this passage from Isaiah: **“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to *bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners*” (Isa. 61:1).**

God sees every woman, even the ones the world has forgotten, and he loves them beyond measure.

Thank you for your heart of compassion and your faithful prayers.





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Per-se-ver-ance: the continued effort to do something despite difficulty.

Some things in life you can just count on happening; trials are one example. Sometimes they are a result of choices, but others seem to randomly come into our lives unannounced. We may face the death of a loved one, medical crises, relational divisions or financial losses. Other trials are more internally difficult, like depression, addictions, anger or hopelessness.

No matter how they come, trials have the power to destroy us or to move us closer to maturity in our walk with God.

What part do we play in the effect that trials have on our lives? And what truths do we need to embrace about trials so that they can make us stronger rather than defeat us?

Recently, one of my closest friends suddenly passed away. I was in shock and grieved deeply at this huge loss in my life. I found myself continually crying out to God, asking for him to help me sift through my emotions and thoughts. My “go to” Scripture in times of uncertainty is 2 Chronicles 20:12, where King Jehoshaphat faced a vast enemy and cried out to the Lord, “We don’t know what to do, but our eyes are on you.” *Friend, what are facing right now? Will you join me in holding on to the truth that we are not alone in our trials?*

May we be encouraged to hold our struggles before God, release them to him and ask him to open our eyes to see the way he has made for us to persevere through them. We can stand on Jesus’ promise in John 16:33: “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” Our ultimate help is always in Jesus.

In addition to trials, temptations are another certainty in life, both those caused by our sin and those that are not. Jesus again can help us. Not only does he understand and have compassion for us, but he has successfully endured every temptation that we face. Our Lord offers us his help, experience and power. We see in Jesus’ wilderness temptation that he overcame Satan by being rooted in Scripture.

In Romans 12:2, we are told to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. This takes place when we saturate ourselves in God’s Word and let its truths sink in and change us. As we are washed by the Word of God, it reveals areas in our lives that need to change and be given over to God. *What sin is currently tripping you up? What new thought patterns, actions and accountability do you need to put in place to be set free?*

As Jesus discerned each temptation in the wilderness, he looked to God’s Word to find the truth to stand on which would counter the lie of the enemy. He put into practice Psalm 119:11: “I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

—HEBREWS 12:1

What a great example of perseverance to follow!

In addition to Christ’s example, godly fellowship with other believers helps us resist temptations and stand strong during trials. The body of Christ has been given to us to literally hold up our weary hands and graciously direct our eyes back to Jesus. Please call out for this support to help you persevere! *Who do you need to confide in to come alongside and help you right now?*

As we keep our eyes on the Lord, he enables us to persevere for his glory. May the challenges we encounter in our lives mature our faith and testify to the goodness of our God.