

Prayer of the Faithful for Super Bowl Sunday

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Loving God, as our nation celebrates the annual Super Bowl event, we pray for those men, women and children for whom the Super Bowl means abuse, exploitation, and entrapment.

For all vulnerable victims of human trafficking, and domestic abuse, we pray...



## Human Trafficking Is Not a Sport

## **Super Bowl 2014**

Human slavery – also known as human trafficking is still happening today!

An estimated 21 million people, including children as young as age five, are trafficked for commercial sex or forced labor across our world today.

Large sporting events, such as the Super Bowl, are known to provide a lucrative market for human traffickers. During the days leading up to the Super Bowl event, Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Authorities will conduct surveillance operations in an attempt to prevent human traffickers from conducting their "business."

Faith communities and many civil society groups have been active educating hotel staff and the wider public about human trafficking.

It is our hope and prayer that Super Bowl XLVIII will be a Big Win in our nation's efforts to end Human Trafficking.

## PRAYER FOR THE END TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Gen Cassani, SSND

O God, our words cannot express what our minds can barely comprehend and our hearts feel when we hear of children and adults deceived and transported to unknown places for purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labor because of human greed.

Our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry that their dignity and rights are being transgressed through threats, deception and force. We cry out against the degrading practice of trafficking and pray for it to end.

Strengthen the fragile-spirited and broken-hearted. Make real your promises to fill these sisters and brothers with a love that is tender and good and send the exploiters away empty-handed.

Give us the wisdom and courage to stand in solidarity with them, that together we will find ways to the freedom that is your gift to all of us. Amen.