



ALABASTER JAR

PRAYER DIARY

2024



PRAYER



has always been central to the work of *Alabaster Jar* and Samaritan's Purse. Without prayer, our work would not be possible.

When someone prays, it may seem like a small thing. But God uses the faithful and consistent "small" prayers of his people to change impossible situations and light up dark places. He uses the faithful sowing and watering of intercession to create new life and give beauty for ashes.

WHO WE ARE



Alabaster Jar has been reaching women trapped in Berlin's sex industry with practical help and the love of Jesus Christ for over 17 years, and has been a project of Samaritan's Purse e.V. since September 2021. As we enter 2024, we want to invite YOU to partner with us in prayer.

Every year, our team reaches hundreds of women in Berlin's red-light district. Many are victims of trafficking, brought from many different countries and forced to work on the streets of Berlin. Many are trapped in prostitution due to poverty, debt, drug addiction, abusive relationships, or homelessness. But even more debilitating are the spiritual chains that hold so many captive in a life of oppression. We believe this is a spiritual problem which requires a spiritual solution.

It is only through God's power that these very women can break out of the destructive cycles of exploitation and hopelessness. In the same way, it is only God's power that equips our team to respond effectively to this crisis and see women's lives redeemed and transformed. For us, prayer is the key. This is why this prayer diary will guide you in prayer for the women of Berlin's sex industry and for the team at *Alabaster Jar*.

At the end of the prayer diary, you will find various opportunities to stay in touch and support our work with women who are trapped in Berlin's sex industry. You will also find information regarding the worldwide crisis relief work of Samaritan's Purse.

We hope the pages of this book guide you well as you sow and water faithfully in prayer. May your heart be encouraged as you intercede.

**Thank you so much for your support.
Thank you for praying with us.**

*For whoever has despised the day of small things
shall rejoice... ZECHARIAH 4:10 ESV*

JANUARY

This month, we pray for
encouragement before the fruit
is visible.

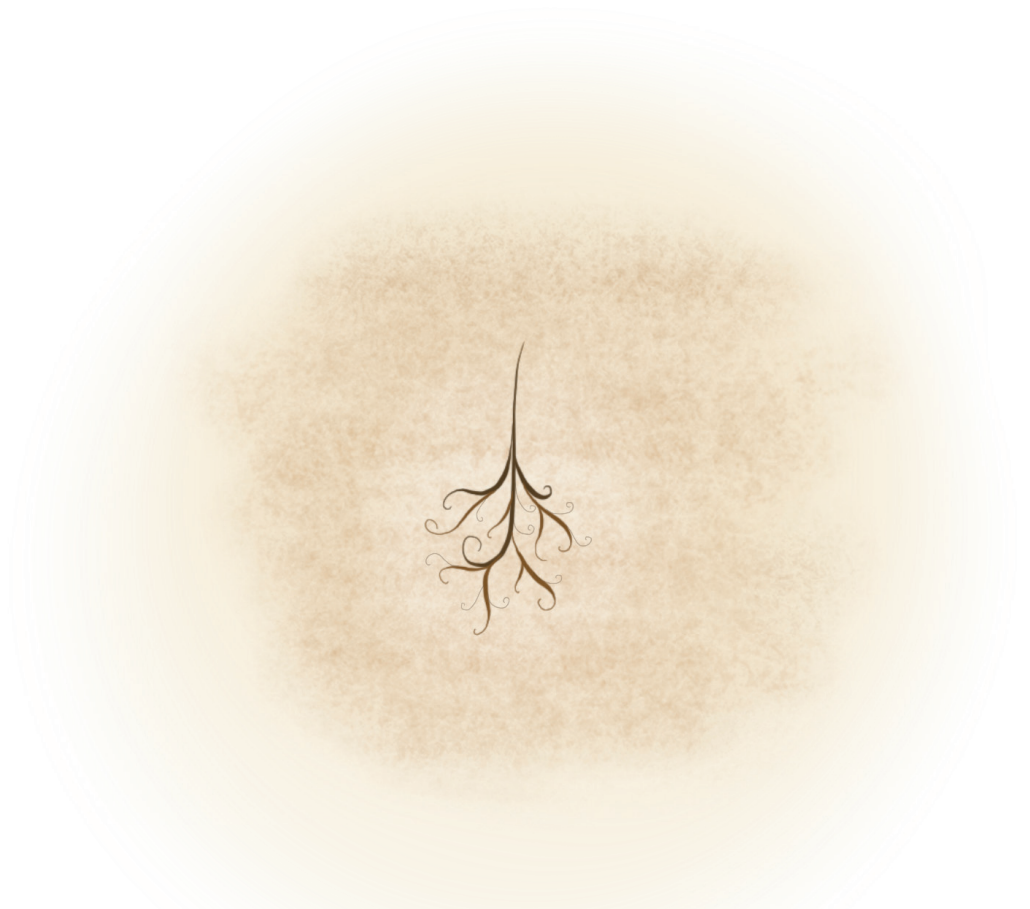


For the women in Berlin's sex industry:

Many of the women we engage regularly are trapped in complex and difficult circumstances. The small, hard steps into a better life rarely bring immediate results, and it is tempting to give up. That is why we are praying against discouragement. We pray that these women would not fall back into old patterns. We pray for encouragement, fresh determination, and hope that a new life outside prostitution is possible for them.

For the team at *Alabaster Jar*:

Our team at *Alabaster Jar* has learned to believe for the big yet celebrate the small. Our vision is to see women meet Jesus and enter a new life outside of prostitution, yet sometimes the victory is that a woman is courageous enough to trust us, to share her real name, or to ask for prayer. Pray that our team would not despise these small beginnings but would instead be encouraged and rejoice as the Lord rejoices.



But he [Jesus] said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” LUKE 11:28 ESV

FEBRUARY

This month, we pray for the hearing and keeping of God’s word.



For the women in Berlin’s sex industry:

Trapped in situations of financial crisis, abuse, trafficking, debt and poverty, many of these women are searching for solutions. Our team offers practical support while at the same time pointing the women to God. We believe that HIS word and HIS instruction can change any situation. Pray that these women would seek the Lord and hear His voice. Pray that they would receive divine instruction and that they would have the conviction and the courage to obey it. Pray that God’s word leads them into a new life.

For the team at *Alabaster Jar*:

This is perhaps the greatest desire of our team: to receive God’s leading and instruction and follow it. Please pray that our leadership and staff at *Alabaster Jar* would be sensitive to God’s voice. Pray for new vision and heavenly strategies. Pray that God would protect our team from wandering into places where He is not leading us. Pray that we would hear His word and keep it.



*In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone,
O LORD, make me dwell in safety. PSALM 4:8 ESV*

MARCH

This month, we pray for God's
peace and protection.

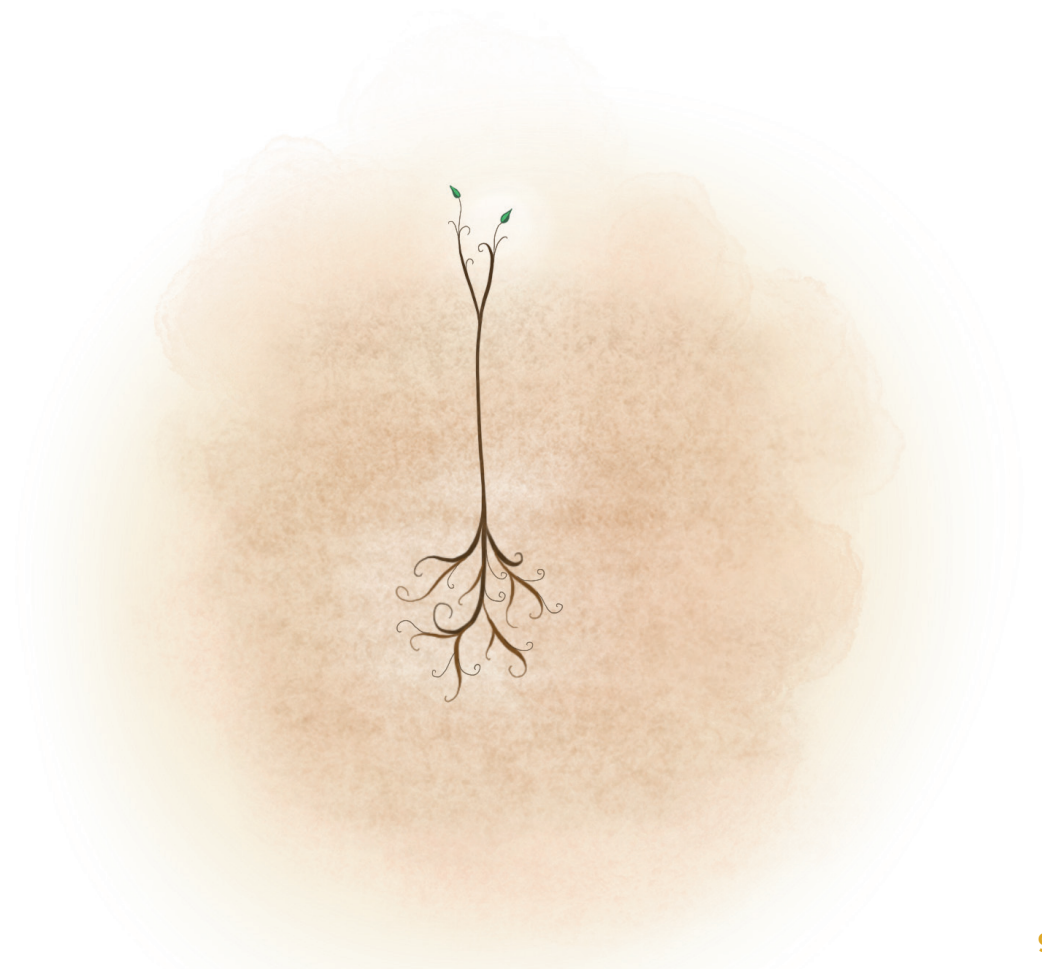


For the women in Berlin's sex industry:

Women in prostitution regularly experience assault, abuse and harassment. Many live with the constant feeling of being unsafe, particularly those who are alone in a foreign country, trapped in an abusive relationship, or homeless and living on the street. Pray protection over the women of Berlin's sex industry. Pray that the Lord would be their refuge and that they would dwell in safety.

For the team at *Alabaster Jar*:

Our work is a spiritual battle and our team is on the front lines. Over the past years we have experienced various forms of spiritual attack—from spiritual heaviness to health problems to an inability to sleep. Pray protection over our team of staff and volunteers. Pray for the peace of God in our hearts and that no weapon of the enemy shall prosper against us.



Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. MATTHEW 5:4 ESV

APRIL

This month, we pray for comfort for those who grieve.



For the women in Berlin's sex industry:

The women we encounter regularly at our outreaches have experienced significant trauma and loss in their lives. From experiences of abuse to losing loved ones to being separated from family, each woman carries her own unique grief. Pray for the comfort of the Father in their lives. Pray that they would encounter God who is not cold and disengaged, but filled with love.

For the team at *Alabaster Jar*:

Feelings of disappointment and grief are not uncommon for members of our team. As we walk alongside and grow in friendship with many women, it can be extremely difficult to watch tragic events unfold in their lives, witness their suffering, or even at times suddenly lose contact with them. Pray that the Lord would comfort our team in the midst of great pain and injustice. Pray that He would teach us to mourn in His presence and allow Him to be our comfort.

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God. MARK 10:27 ESV

MAY

This month, we pray for faith
for the impossible.

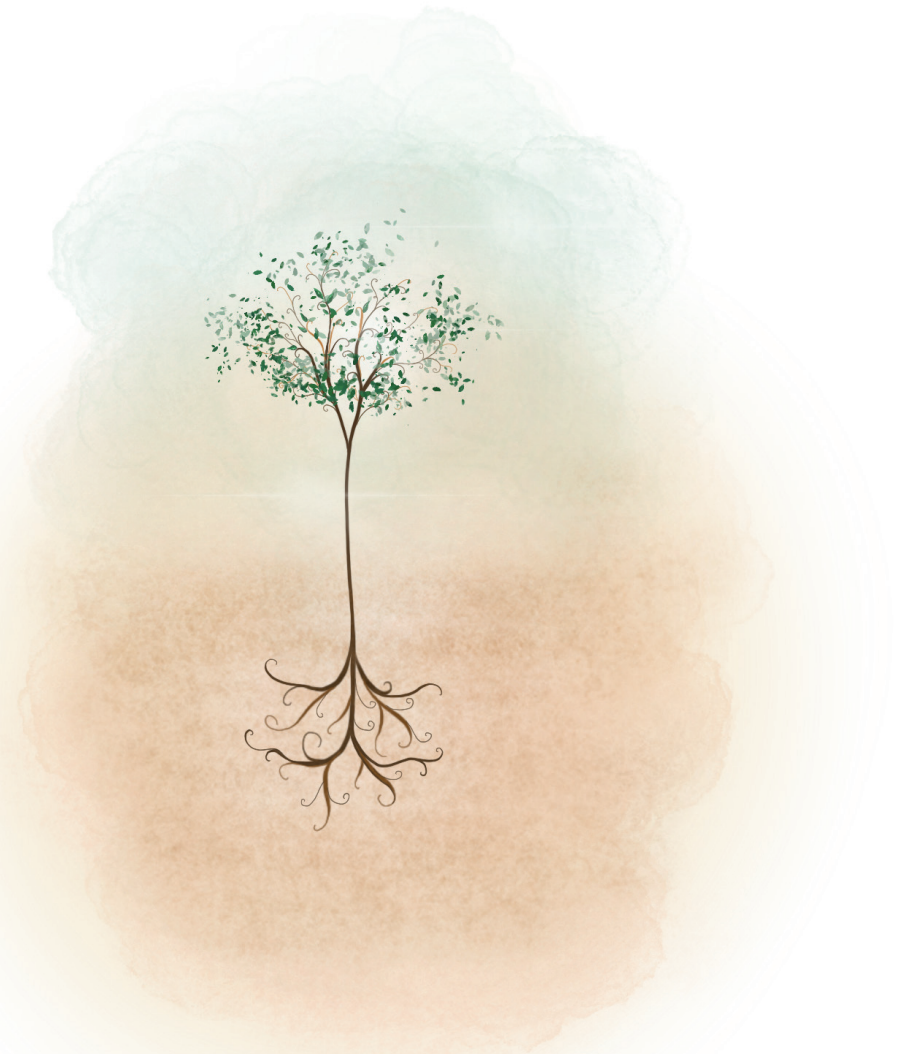


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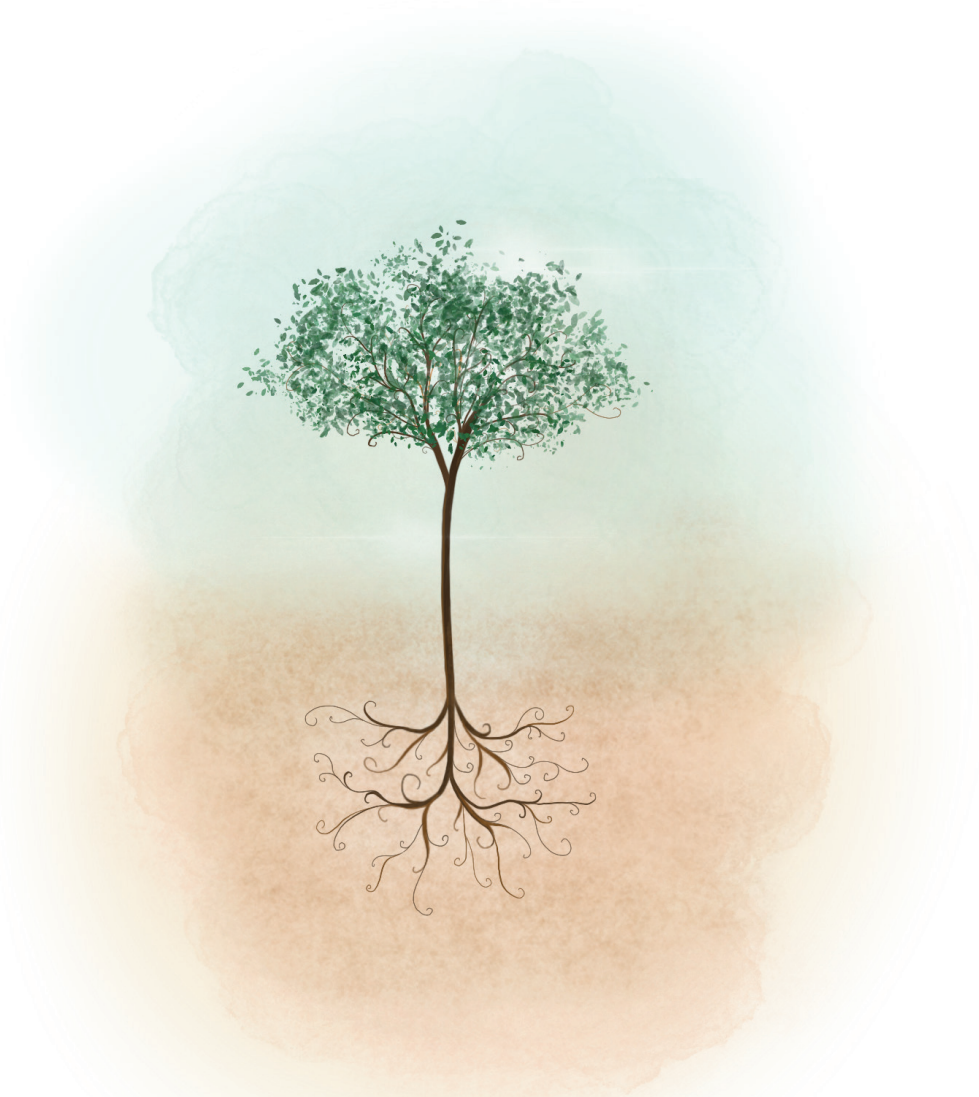
Leaving a life of prostitution can feel paralyzing and impossible, especially for women who have never known another reality. Our team consistently hears women share that there is “no other way.” But with God, all things are possible. Let’s pray that these very women would encounter the powerful God of the Bible and that new hope would fill their hearts. Pray that they would learn to live by faith.

For the team at *Alabaster Jar*:

Faith is one of our most important values and greatest weapons. Our team is regularly exposed to hopelessness and injustice. It is tempting to feel overwhelmed by “impossible” situations. Pray that in the midst of injustice, we would not grow weary in faith but would continue to fight the good fight. Pray that we would grow in childlike trust. Pray for a deepening conviction that all things are possible with God.



And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. GALATIANS 6:9 ESV



JUNE

This month, we pray for strength and resilience to remain faithful.



For the women in Berlin's sex industry:

For a few women, leaving the sex industry involves a single phone call and quick transportation to a safe house. But for many, it is not so simple. It often involves many steps, lots of paperwork, and much resilience. Pray for the women who are trying to make a fresh start. Pray that they would not grow weary, but that the Lord would strengthen them—physically, emotionally and spiritually.

For the team at *Alabaster Jar*:

It can be a long road to walk alongside and support women impacted by prostitution and trafficking. We often wish to see quick results which, in reality, need much time and care. To engage in this work long-term is almost impossible without relying on the Lord's strength. Please pray that the Lord would strengthen our team and give us the grace to remain faithful and resilient.

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.* JOHN 1:5 ESV

JULY

This month, we pray for
the light of Christ to shine
in the darkness.



For the women in Berlin's sex industry:

The sex industry thrives in both physical and spiritual darkness. Where prostitution thrives, abuse, corruption, and secrets thrive as well. This darkness has overcome many vulnerable women who are caught in the sex industry. But the light of Christ overcomes the darkness, and this is our prayer: that His light would shine in the darkest places and turn prisoners into overcomers.

For the team at *Alabaster Jar*:

Scripture tells us that we should walk as children of light (Ephesians 5:8), and children of light are not intimidated by darkness. Pray for our team of staff and volunteers as we regularly enter into places of darkness. Pray that the light of Christ would go with us. Pray that we would deepen in our conviction that His light is more powerful than any darkness.



But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ROMANS 5:8 ESV



AUGUST

This month, we pray for
life-changing encounters with the
love of Christ.



For the women in Berlin's sex industry:

Our team believes in offering practical help and support to women who are victims of prostitution and trafficking, but even more than that, we believe in the transforming power of Christ's love. One single encounter with God's love can break down emotional walls and bring true healing and freedom. Pray with us that the women of Berlin's sex industry would encounter Jesus and their lives would be changed forever.

For the team at *Alabaster Jar*:

It is so important that our staff and volunteers are encountering Jesus themselves. We do not want to serve and work out of our own strength and willpower but instead out of relationship and connection with the Lord. We don't want to move without His presence. Pray that our team would prioritize His presence in our personal lives. Pray that we would regularly encounter the God of love.

SEPTEMBER

This month, we pray for growth
and abundant fruit.



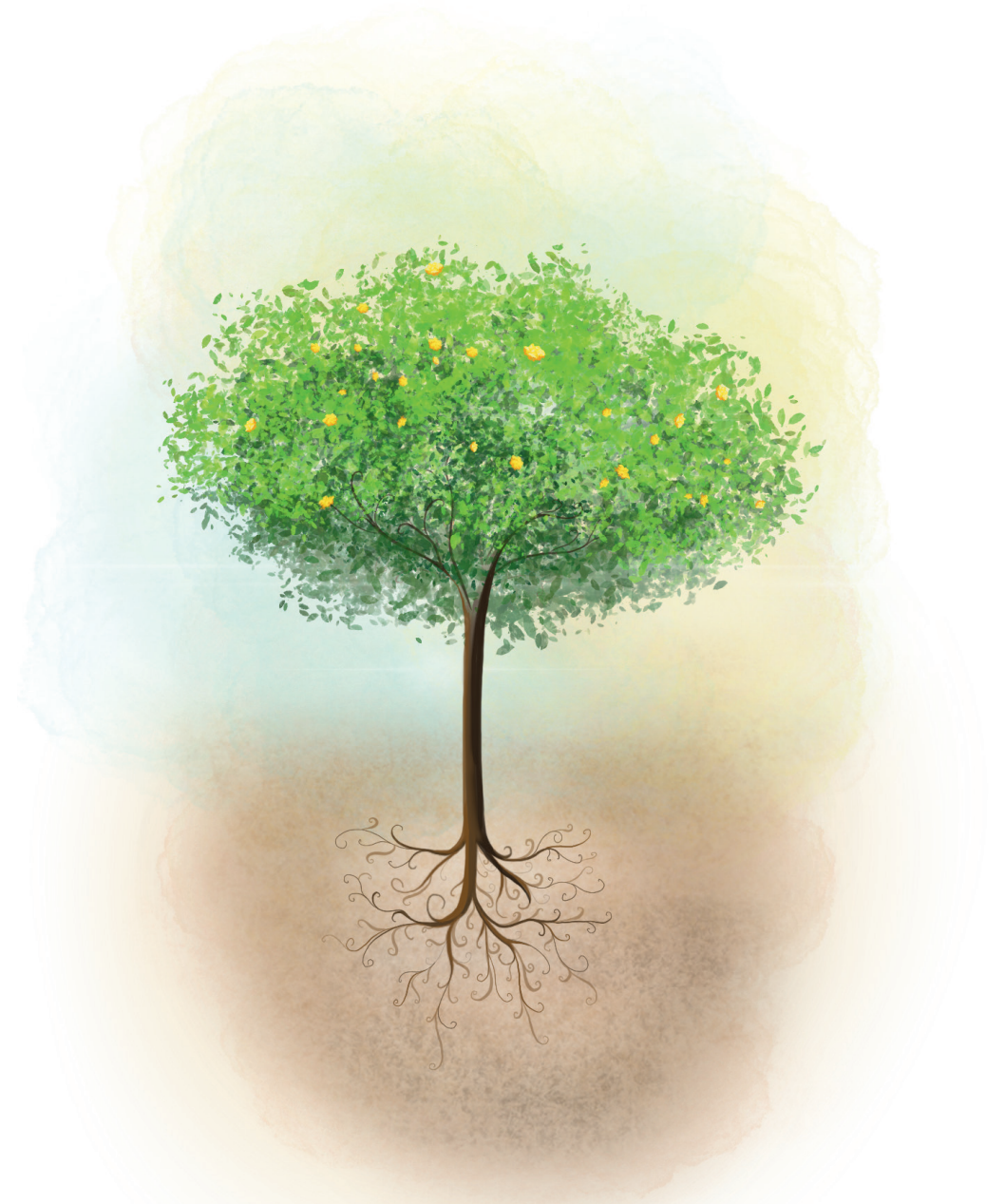
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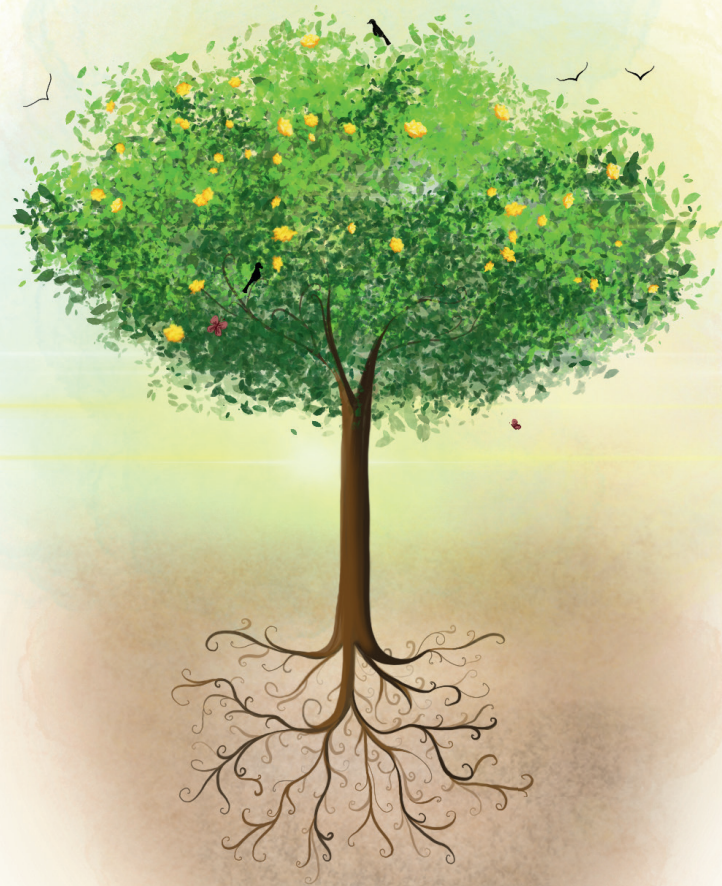
We work with many women who society would label a “lost cause”: women who have been in prostitution for 40 years or more; women who are homeless, addicted to drugs, or victims of trafficking. For these women, making a “new start” can be a hard road filled with difficult and painful decisions. But we believe God is able to bring forth new fruit in these women's lives—fruit of hope, joy, stability, sobriety, and healing. Pray that these women would see the fruit of each brave decision they have made.

Pray for growth and new life.

For the team at *Alabaster Jar*:

For over 17 years of ministry, God has sustained the work of *Alabaster Jar*—always sending staff, volunteers, resources and finances just in time. As God gives us new vision about growing and developing the work, we trust Him to provide the growth to make that possible. Pray that as we plant and water, God will give the growth. Pray especially for the provision of new staff and volunteers who love Jesus and love the mission.





OCTOBER

This month, we pray for
healing in Christ.



For the women in Berlin's sex industry:

The women we work with suffer from physical and invisible wounds. A life of prostitution, abuse, and for many, addiction to heavy drugs, leaves its mark on both the body and the mind. But we believe Jesus can heal every wound, regardless how deep. Pray with us for women experiencing extreme health problems and suffering from PTSD and mental illness, that they would meet the Healer and receive real and lasting healing.

For the team at *Alabaster Jar*:

Working with vulnerable and traumatized individuals can create a risk for secondary trauma and burnout. Pray for our incredible staff and volunteers as we serve passionately while also protecting our hearts. Pray that we would allow Jesus to restore our health while also making wise decisions. Pray for a healed and healthy team.

*Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what
he has done for my soul. PSALM 66:16 ESV*

NOVEMBER

This month, we pray for
life-changing testimonies to influence
the lives of others.

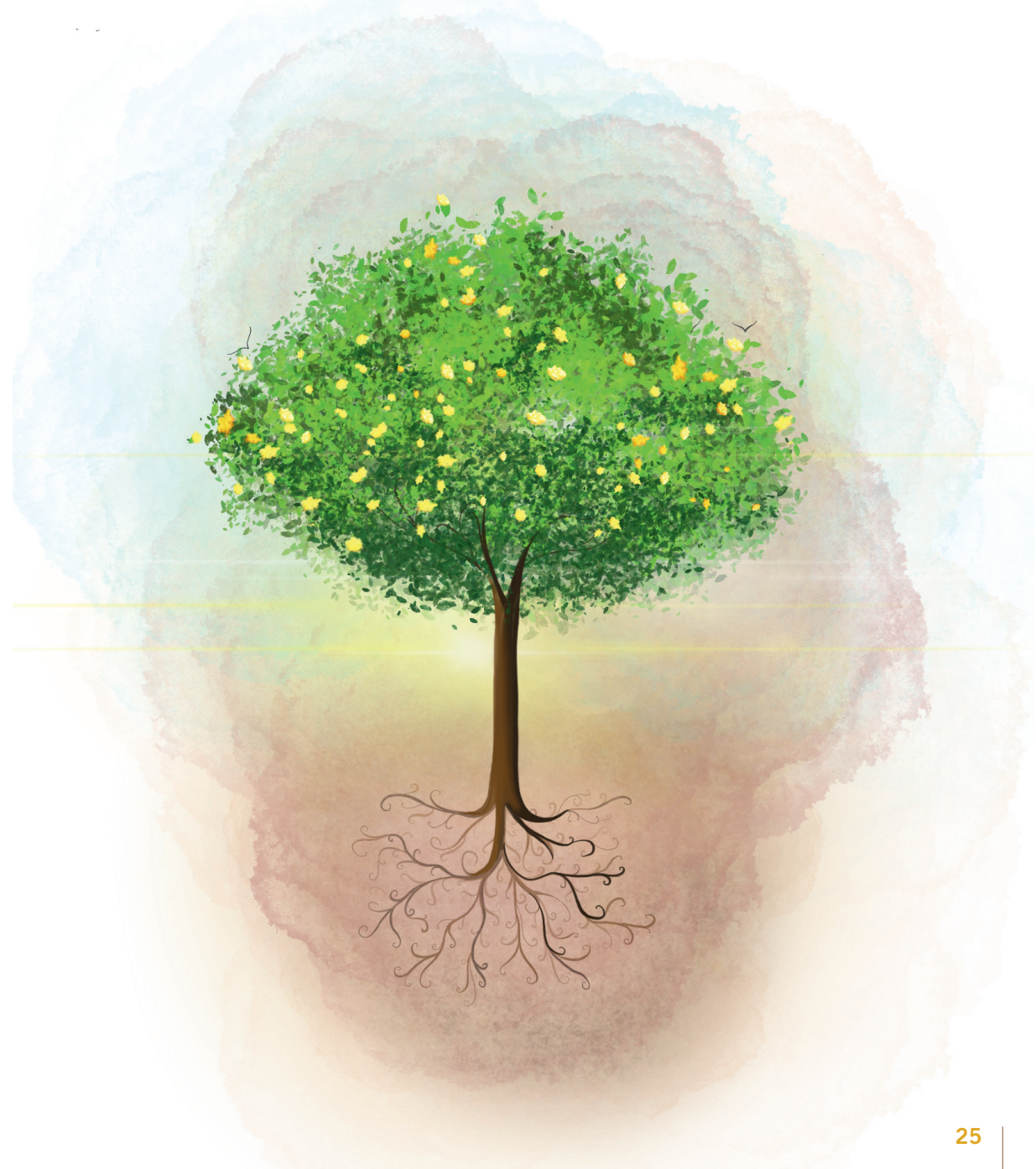


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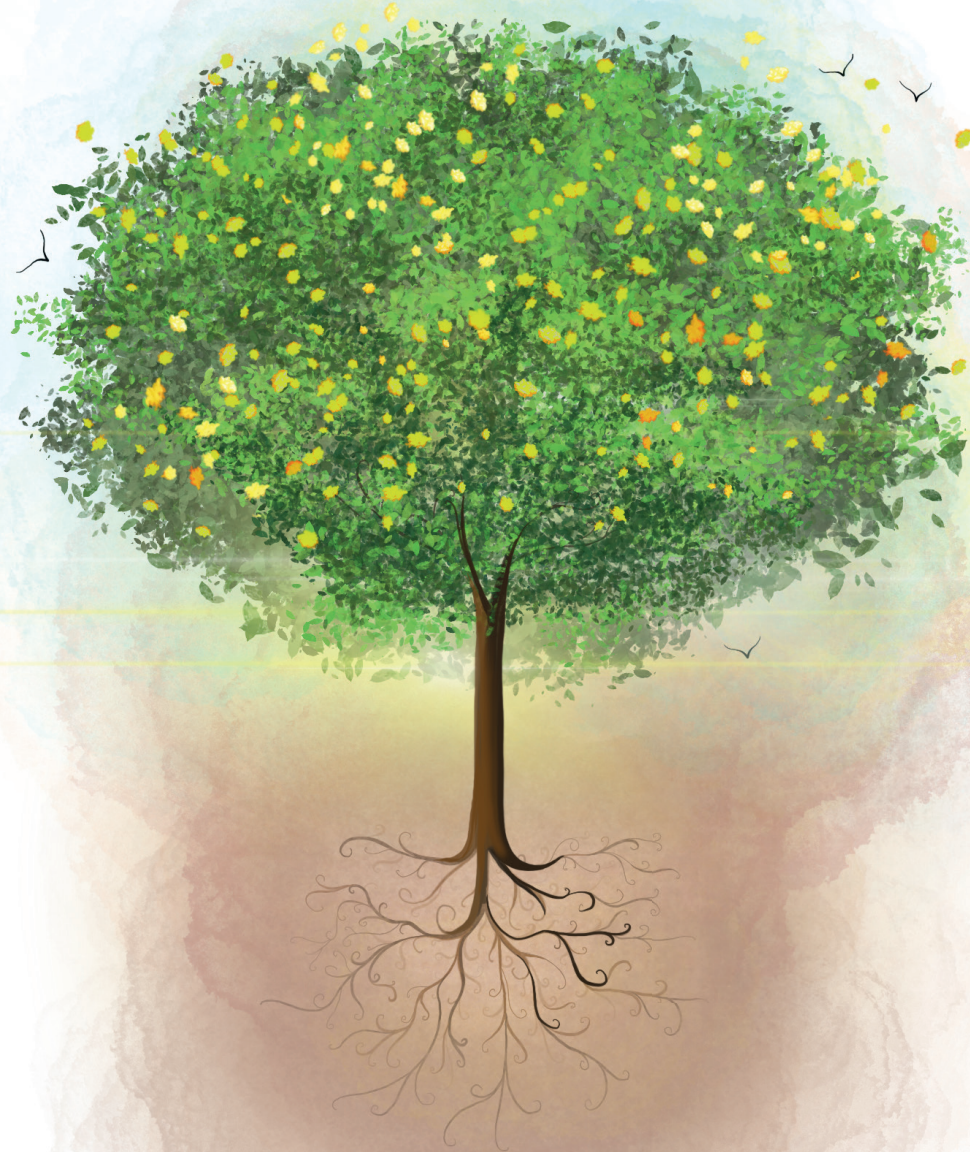
For years we have prayed that God would raise up specific women who have left the sex industry to return as healed, whole, and powerful testimonies for those still living in exploitation. We believe these women exist—let's pray for them. Pray that God would transform their lives and put His calling on their hearts. Pray that their voices would bring healing and freedom to many, many women.

For the team at *Alabaster Jar*:

Stories can reach across different backgrounds, languages, and cultures. And each of our staff members and volunteers has their own unique story with the Lord. Pray that our team would be filled with the boldness, sensitivity, and courage to share their own personal stories with the women in Berlin's prostitution industry. Pray that these simple stories would be powerful to change hearts and lives.



Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! PSALM 115:1 ESV



DECEMBER

This month, we pray for Jesus
to get the glory.



For the women in Berlin's sex industry:

Our heart is for these very women to live good and healthy lives, free from sexual exploitation, abuse, fear, and injustice. We desire that God would move mightily in their lives. But we also pray that they would come to know and understand His transforming power in their lives. Pray with us that every woman's precious story would ultimately give God the glory. Pray especially that God would be glorified in each woman's heart.

For the team at *Alabaster Jar*:

We believe that our work is making an impact and that greater things are yet to come. As we share stories of hope and transformation, pray for us that we do not attempt to take any of the glory for ourselves. Pray that our entire team would remember that this work is not about us, and that *Alabaster Jar* is simply a tool in the Lord's hand. Pray that our motivation and our work would give glory to Jesus' Name.

YOUR INVOLVEMENT

WITH
ALABASTER JAR



Here is how you can give your time, skills, and talents to impact lives in Berlin's red-light district through Christ's love.

PRAY FOR OUR WORK

Your prayers change lives and are the foundation of our work. We are so grateful for everyone who supports our ministry through prayer. You are invited to join us for prayer at our online *Alabaster Jar* Prayer Room. If interested, please contact us at: alabasterjar@die-samariter.org

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

We invite you to visit an outreach to find out if volunteering in this area of work is right for you. In addition to frontline outreach, you can support our ministry by offering skills and experience in areas such as cooking and baking, social media, administration, or social work. Contact us at alabasterjar@die-samariter.org and we will get back to you!

SUPPORT US—

PRACTICALLY and FINANCIALLY

To help the women in a practical way, we need resources! You can help us provide needed resources by donating food, hygiene items, and clothes. We also invite you to partner with us financially. You can find our bank details on the last page.

STAY IN CONTACT

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at [@alabasterjarberlin](https://www.instagram.com/alabasterjarberlin) and share our content! By doing so, you'll raise awareness about this important issue and play a crucial role in the fight against sexual exploitation. Sign up for our quarterly newsletter to stay informed about our work: die-samariter.org/newsletter-aj

ABOUT SAMARITAN'S PURSE

We at Samaritan's Purse help people around the world in difficult life situations. Through our **Domestic Projects**, we care for people facing homelessness and women trapped in prostitution in Germany. Our **International Programs** provide long-term and sustainable help to those in need, including medical care, nutrition, WASH (water, sanitation, hygiene), and education. Through "**Weihnachten im Schuhkarton**", (internationally known as "Operation Christmas Child"), children receive a shoebox gift as a representation of God's love and a way to share the Gospel with them. With **International Crisis Response** we quickly respond and professionally support victims of disasters. In everything we do, we want to show God's love in a tangible way. We tell people about Jesus Christ and invite them to find new hope in Him.



Learn more – get active

Our ministry thrives on the commitment of thousands of volunteers, donors, and prayer partners. Therefore, we invite you to learn more about Samaritan's Purse and get involved! Please consider sponsoring one of our programs. For more information, visit: die-samariter.org

Subscribe to our newsletter to receive updates about our ministry: die-samariter.org/newsletter (only in German)

OUR MISSION

Samaritan's Purse e.V. serves in the name of Jesus Christ. Like the Good Samaritan, we bring people closer to the unconditional and unlimited love of God.

We support victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, hunger, and religious persecution regardless of their worldview, religious beliefs, ethnicity, gender, or other personality traits.

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