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'Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.'

**ROMANS 12:12 (NIV)**

Hi [REDACTED]

Right now, children are being exploited online by offenders who don't even need to leave their homes. **The UK is among the top three global consumers of livestreamed abuse.**

Please persist with us in prayer for an end to this horrific crime. Disturbingly, in 83% of cases, the trafficker is a family member of the abused child\*.

**Joy\* was just 10 years old when her aunt began exploiting her.** Livestreamed to sex offenders in places like the UK, she endured almost seven years of sexual abuse – until IJM partnered with police to bring her safety.

**We praise God that today, Joy is free.** She's happily married, a licensed social worker, and a survivor leader advocating internationally to end the online sexual abuse of children.

Joy shares, *"With God, nothing is impossible. I realised that the moment I was rescued, that was the moment God heard and answered my prayers."*

But thousands of children are still subject to this abuse. In the Philippines alone, 1 in 100 children are estimated to be abused and exploited online.

God brings change when we pray. That's why, in February 2026, churches around the world will be gathering with IJM and 24-7 Prayer to [host Pray for Justice events](#) – from the UK, Ireland, the Netherlands, Canada, and the Philippines, we will stand **united in bold prayer for an end to the online sexual exploitation of children.** Please pray that these gatherings will help move the global movement for freedom and justice forward.

**Opening Prayer**

God of hope,

We thank you for Joy's freedom today, and for the way she so courageously advocates for the protection of others.

We continue to pray for an end to the sexual exploitation of children – for your light to break into the darkness of this horrific crime.

Thank you for the incredible work already being done by the IJM team in the Philippines along with authorities and partners.

We pray for their continued strength, insight, and favour!

Amen

## PRAYER POINTS

**Pray that thousands would gather in their churches to Pray for Justice** – to worship, thank God for breakthrough, and raise their voices for children still waiting for safety. Over 1,000 people came together in churches across the UK and Ireland for Pray for Justice this year, and we're expectant for what's to come in 2026, with churches also joining from around the world.

If you'd like to host a Pray for Justice event in February 2026, praying for an end to the online sexual exploitation of children, [sign up here](#). We'd love to support you in hosting a powerful night of worship and prayer.

Yes, we want to Pray for Justice >>

## PRAISE POINTS

**Thank God for the 1,567 children and young people who have already been brought to safety** from online sexual abuse in the Philippines by police with IJM, and that 273 perpetrators have been convicted – protecting potentially hundreds of children from harm. God is moving to create communities where children are safe and protected.

**Thank you for praying for our team climbing Mount Kilimanjaro last week!** Praise God that the 21 IJM supporters safely completed the trek! We're deeply grateful for the incredible fundraising efforts and celebrating submitting 'Uhuru' ('Freedom') Peak on Anti-Slavery Day. This marks the third year IJM supporters have taken on this challenge – a powerful opportunity to witness God's creation and raise awareness of the problem of violence and slavery in our world.

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