



Prayer stations

Annual Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking

Below you will find specific focus areas for your prayer meeting on the Annual Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking. This resource can be used for your weekly meeting, bible study groups, youth groups or other gatherings in your community.

Human Trafficking and Slavery is a global crime, and Australia is not immune.

Prayer Station Resources

Station 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A clear vase• A packet of rice• "Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in Australia Fact Sheet" (Attached)
Station 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A world map (can be downloaded here: geology.com/world/world-map.shtml)• Sticky notes• Pens/markers
Station 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandra's Story of Freedom: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Quzp3223hCA (Optional)• Example of Human Trafficking & Slavery in Australia cases
Station 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Popsicles/Paddle Pop Sticks
Station 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blank paper, band aids.
Station 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A display of everyday household food items. For example, coffee, tea, tinned goods• Video 'Swap your Cuppa' fairtrade.com.au/media/videos/swap-your-cuppa



Prayer Station 1

Pray for an understanding of the magnitude of the issue.

The size and magnitude of human trafficking and modern slavery is significant in global economic and social terms, and yet it continues to remain hidden from mainstream society. This begs the question: how can something so immense continue to operate undetected?

Take some time to read the facts regarding human trafficking and modern slavery in Australia.

Take one grain of rice and hold it in your hand. Imagine that each grain of rice is a person with a name and a family and a story.

- Pray for our eyes to be opened to the different forms of human trafficking modern slavery that takes place in Australia.
- Pray that governments, organisations, communities and individuals will not be silent
- Pray for the restoration of the Kingdom, so that those who have been trafficked

“Do not envy wicked men, do not desire their company; for their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about making trouble.” – Proverbs 24: 1-2 NIV

Prayer Station 2

Pray for people who are in transit.

Human trafficking and modern slavery affects every country in the world.

- **Source countries** – Countries where people originate, usually their home country.
- **Transit countries** – This is a term for countries that people pass through on their way to the destination country.
- **Destination countries** – Countries where people are exploited

Locate a country on the world map and pray for those impacted by human trafficking in that country. Write your prayer on a sticky note and place it on the world map.

- Pray that people, particularly children, that they will find safety.
- Pray that the people will find the resources they need to ask for help, particularly those who are in a country where they cannot speak the language.
- Pray for the families that are separated from their loved ones.

“Judah said to his brothers, ‘What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come let’s sell him to the Ishmaelite’s and not lay our hands on him; after all he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.’ His brothers agreed. So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph out of the cistern and sold him for 20 shekels of silver to the Ishmaelite’s who took him to Egypt” -Genesis 37:26-28 NIV

Prayer Station 3

Pray for victims & survivors of Human Trafficking & Slavery.

It is estimated that approximately 3000 people are in slavery in Australia. Human Trafficking and Slavery affects men, women, children and families.

People who have experienced human trafficking and slavery have been stripped of their dignity and human rights.

Watch Sandra's Story, from slavery to freedom and/or reflect on the Human Trafficking and Slavery in Australia examples, you can give hope to victims and survivors.

- Pray that those who remain in slavery will find freedom
- Pray that those who have found freedom have the strength and support they need to build new lives
- Pray that as a community, we will respond to the needs of those who are vulnerable to human trafficking and slavery, we will be a community that does not contribute to slavery, and we will not be silent.

**“The lord will fight for you; you
need only to be still” Exodus 14:14**

Prayer Station 4

Pray for those working with survivors of human trafficking and slavery.

Recent studies have shown that the biggest issue surrounding human trafficking and slavery is not that people don't want to leave, but that there are not many support systems in place to help them. With no 'exit plan' and no real funding or programs to assist, people get stuck within the systems that bind them. This, and many other factors, can make circumstances very hard for people working on the frontlines with survivors and those seeking freedom.

As you pray for those working in this field, pick up some paddle pop sticks and make a shelter or small house. This little house symbolises freedom, safety and hope; it symbolises a place that victims of human trafficking don't have – a place to call their own! Imagine if you could do something to help this glimmer of hope for those affected by, and stuck in the cycle of trafficking.

- Pray for the front line worker who are identifying and responding to human trafficking and slavery. Pray for wisdom, understanding and resources so that they may be able to offer the right support at the right time.
- Pray for the gift of compassion - that people will not be burnt out through their caring.
- Pray for understanding in the families of front line workers, that they will be mindful of the stressful work undertaken by their loved ones.
- Pray that liberated people will have solid support networks to assist them to rebuild their self-esteem, learn new skills and start new lives.

Materials Needed: Popsicles/Paddle Pop Sticks

“My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places” – Isaiah 32:18 NIV

Prayer Station 5

Pray for an integrated approach by NGOs and authorities to ending human trafficking and slavery.

Sometimes victims of human trafficking and slavery are detained, arrested and deported without being identified as victims. In some cases, victims have been prosecuted for offences related to their trafficking situations. Identifying and responding to victims is complex and requires a coordinated approach from both law enforcement and civil society.

Too often, with the complexities of coordination and red tape, 'solutions' become like band aids – they solve the problem temporarily but don't get any deeper than the tiny cut which they cover up.

Pick up a band aid and stick it onto a piece of paper. You can then write out your prayer or simply hold on to the paper as you think of those in your community working with victims of human trafficking (these people may include police, medical staff, caseworkers, and immigration services).

- Pray for effective collaboration between all organisations and government agencies working towards eradicating human trafficking and modern slavery.
- Pray that compassion will rule over the hearts and minds of those who are working together for human rights, so that victims are not forgotten, and safe restitution is appropriately given.
- Pray that those exploiting individuals in Australia would be brought to justice
- Pray for people in Australia on tourist, student or working visas who are being exploited by Australian employers.
- Pray that trafficked persons are not persecuted because of their situation

Materials Needed: Blank paper, band aids.

**“And we know that in all things God works
for the good of those who love him, who
have been called according to his purpose” -
Romans 8:28 NIV**

Prayer Station 6

Pray for ethical supply chains that do not use forced or bonded labour.

As you observe the every items, consider who made them and under what conditions; To learn more about one example, tea, watch the video “Swap your Cuppa”

Many of the products we consume in our everyday lives are touched by slavery, including the food we eat and the clothes we wear.

- Pray for the end of exploitation of farmers
- Pray that the exploitation of children to work in farms and plantations across the world will cease
- Pray for the combined efforts of law enforcement, and the vigilance and the power of consumers turning their back on goods which have forced labour.
- Pray that people will be moved to change their behaviour, and motivated to change their perspective on trafficking human beings.
- Pray that vulnerable individuals will be empowered to seek help.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full”

- John 10:10 N.I.V.



The Facts about Human Trafficking & Slavery in Australia

In Australia, slaveholders are using people against their will for their own advantage.

Sometimes people are hidden behind closed doors; some are hidden in plain sight. Victims of slavery and human trafficking may be the person who picks the apples on your table, attaches the rain gutters to your house, cares for your neighbours children, cleans your car, makes the clothes you are wearing or serves your food.

People are sold as objects, forced to work for little or no pay and are at the complete mercy of their employers.

Someone is in slavery if they are:

- Forced to work through mental or physical threat
- Owned or controlled by their employer usually through mental or physical abuse or the threat of abuse
- Dehumanised, treated as a commodity or bought and sold as property
- Physically constrained or have restrictions placed on their freedom of movement

“I didn’t know I was trafficked. There are others in the community like me. They are hoping somebody will see their situation and give help” - Survivor

In Australia, really?

- The Global Slavery Index (2016) estimates that 4,300 people are enslaved in Australia
- Australians contribute to the enslavement of 20.9 million people worldwide through products we consume and trade (International Labour Organisation, 2012)
- Human trafficking and slavery can occur in Australian industries such as in hospitality, beauty, cleaning, factory work, domestic work, construction, farming, sex work and retail
- Early and forced marriages are considered to be a form of slavery and are against the law

“For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not relent.
They sell the innocent for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals.
They trample on the head of the poor as on the dust of the ground
and deny justice to the oppressed.
Father and son use the same girl, and so profane my holy name”
(Amos 2: 6-7)

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Examples of Human Trafficking & Slavery in Australia

- 2016, more than 50 Taiwanese nationals were discovered locked in 2 Brisbane mansions, forced to work 7 days a week in a fake call centre with no pay <http://bit.ly/2b8A7xP>
- 2015, a 12 year old girl was forced into marriage with a 27 year old man in New South Wales <http://bit.ly/forcedmarriagensw>
- 2015, ABC's Four Corners program exposed slavery like conditions in the Australian agricultural industry www.abc.net.au/4corners/stories/2015/05/04/4227055.htm
- 2014, an Australian Institute of Criminology study revealed the exploitation of women coming to Australia as spouses and being used as slaves. In one case, a Thai woman was subjected to laboring in her husband's market garden for \$40-\$50 per month, in another case a woman was put to work as a domestic worker for her husband's family <http://bit.ly/slavelikemarriage>
- 2013, the Australian Federal Police arrested 3 Australians for recruiting Filipino boxers to Australia, promising them riches and success. When they arrived in Sydney they had their passports taken and they were used as unpaid domestic workers. <http://bit.ly/filipinoboxers>
- 2011, a Sydney woman suffering from a kidney condition was suspected to have trafficked a young woman from the Philippines with the intention of harvesting an organ. Due to this case, Australia now has a criminal offence to address organ trafficking under the Commonwealth Code <http://bit.ly/organtrafficking>

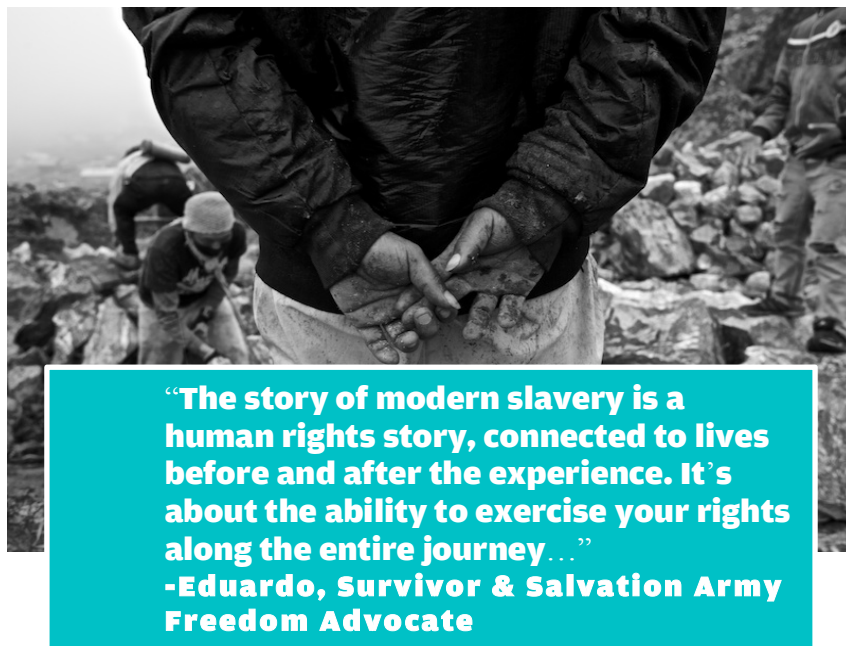


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