



20th August, 2015

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, 27 September 2015 I invite you to join me by participating in The Salvation Army's International Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking.

This day of prayer recognises that sadly millions of men, women and children find themselves in situations of human trafficking, slavery and slavery-like practices. It may surprise you to know that Australia is not immune.

The Salvation Army is deeply committed to fighting human trafficking in all its forms. We exercise care in restoring the freedom and dignity of those affected. Jesus taught us that no one should live in physical or spiritual bondage. He said, 'The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners, to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers and to say, 'This is the year the Lord has chosen.'" (Luke 4:18-19).

I am proud the Australia Eastern Territory is living out its commitment, working to end human trafficking and modern slavery through its everyday ministry. We operate Australia's only Safe House for victims of trafficking, slavery and slavery-like practices. We also lead the national response to ending modern slavery via The Freedom Partnership- to End Modern Slavery.

The attached resource kit has been developed by The Freedom Partnership- to End Modern Slavery. Also attached are posters from International Headquarters for you to use in your Corps.

I encourage you to use these materials to promote the Annual Day of Prayer on Sunday, 27 September 2015. Please join our global community by praying and taking action to end human trafficking and modern slavery.

If you would like any support or further information about participating in the Annual Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking, please email The Freedom Partnership: endslavery@aue.salvationarmy.org

Yours sincerely,

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Annual Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking

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AUSTRALIAN RESOURCE KIT

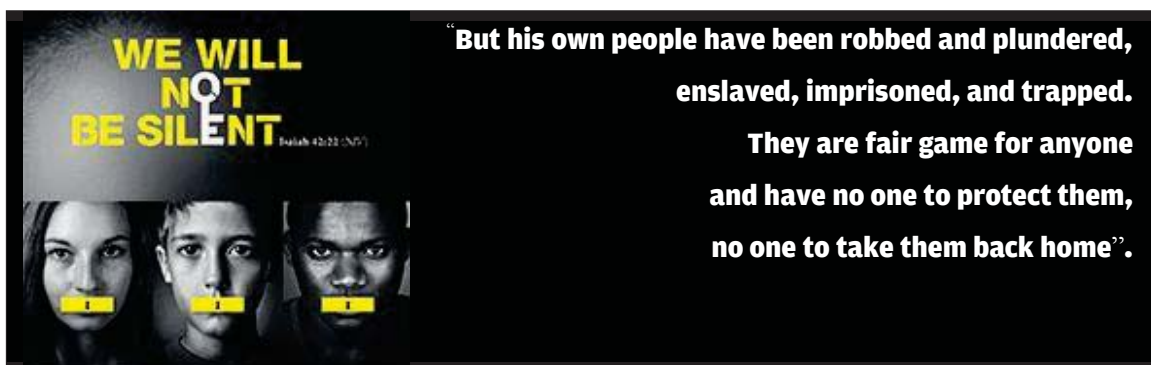
The Salvation Army is deeply committed to fighting human trafficking in all of its forms. We seek to exercise care in restoring the freedom and dignity of those affected. Jesus taught that nobody should live in physical or spiritual bondage.

Every year, The Salvation Army lives out its commitment to fighting human trafficking with a day of prayer. Globally, on this day, The Salvation Army unites to pray for victims of human trafficking.

This year we draw our prayer focus from Isaiah 42:22 (NLT) and together proclaim that "We will not be silent"

This kit has been developed in collaboration with both The Salvation Army Eastern and Southern Territories, to provide you with resources and information to participate in this important day of prayer. The resources can be used by individuals, small groups and congregations.

It may surprise you to learn that human trafficking and slavery happens in Australia. This resource kit raises particular awareness about human trafficking and slavery in Australia, and provides practical ways that you can be part of ending slavery.



For more information or support for your day of prayer please contact:

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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?

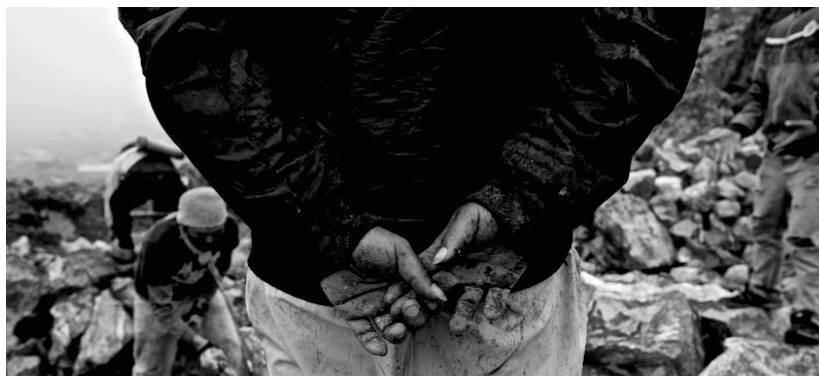
- The Global Slavery Index (2014) estimates that 3,000 people are enslaved in Australia
- Australians contribute to the enslavement of 20.9 million people worldwide through products we consume and trade (International Labour Organisation, 2012)
- Human trafficking and slavery can occur in Australian 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)**

Learn more: endslavery.salvos.org.au

Examples of Human Trafficking & Slavery in Australia

- ◇ 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, a martial arts fighter faced court on 2 charges of human trafficking and two charges of debt bondage. He is accused of operating a labour hire company that lured men to Australia where they were kept in bondage. This included taking control over their bank accounts, confiscating their passports, demanding money from them and threatening them with violence if they did not comply. <http://bit.ly/westaustrialicase>
- ◇ 2013, a Brisbane woman was jailed for 9 years for trafficking her 9 year old daughter from Thailand to work in her Brisbane sex work business. The mother sent for her daughter from Thailand to be brought to Australia for a 6 week holiday in 2004 and was kept in a situation of slavery. <http://bit.ly/brisbaneslaverycase>
- ◇ 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>



“The story of modern slavery is a human rights story, connected to lives before and after the experience. It’s about the ability to exercise your rights along the entire journey...”

-Eduardo, Survivor & Salvation Army Freedom Advocate

The Salvation Army in Australia responding to Human Trafficking

Trafficking & Slavery Safe House

The Salvation Army offers Australia's only supported accommodation for people who have experienced human trafficking and slavery in Australia. The service provides accommodation and case management to men, women and children. Prevention assistance can be provided to people at risk as well as assistance to client families in countries of origin.

This service operates entirely on community donations.

Services provided by the Safe House include:



Housing



Financial Support



Health Care



Education/Employment Assistance



Rights Education



Legal Support



International Assistance



Confidential Advice

The Safe House is a project of the Australian Eastern Territory.

The Freedom Partnership – moving beyond awareness to taking action

Ending slavery requires collective **action** to dismantle the parts that make up the system of slavery.

The Freedom Partnership is empowering and mobilising communities from school students to government officials and survivors themselves through:

1. Collaboration and leadership
2. Mobilising communities to take action
3. Empowering survivors to be advocates
4. Engaging business and organisations to ensure they do not profit from slavery
5. Partnering with local, state, and territory governments on localised responses
6. Advocacy for policy reform to improve Australia's national action plan on slavery

The Freedom Partnership offers technical assistance and emergency support to victims via the Australian Freedom Fund.

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The Freedom Partnership is a National Salvation Army initiative.

“It is time to unmask what is truly happening behind the closed doors of homes, that I myself call a prison cell. No one should ever be in that situation”

–Gloria, Survivor & Salvation Army Freedom Advocate



Congregational Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking (1)

Lord, in this moment I stand beside every victim who has been human trafficked.

In this moment, I know you bear their excruciating fear, hurt and pain. May they feel your peace and grace wash over them.

I pray for justice to be served.

I pray for their release from the unbearable dehumanization, anguish and humiliation they feel.

I pray for their liberation from being held captive against their will, and by your grace for Good Samaritans to restore their lives.

I pray for the healing of victims and for their loved ones.

I pray as part of a united, worldwide movement for the empowerment and ability of all Churches, of all religions, International and Civil Society Organisations, Governments, National Authorities, Business Communities, and People of Good Will everywhere to put an end to human trafficking.

I pray never to forget what it feels like to be in this moment; to stand in solidarity with victims of human trafficking consumed with fear and pain.

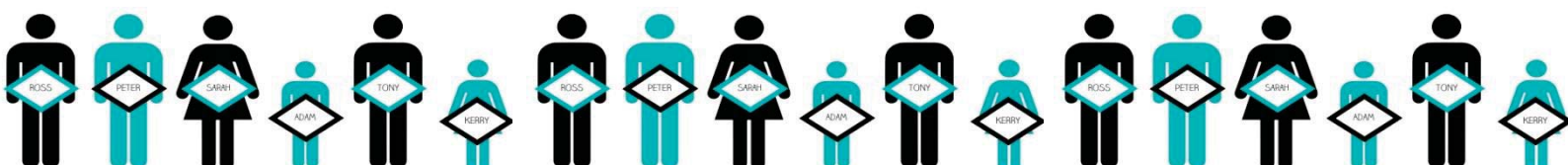
I pray you will use me in some way to help end this human tragedy.

Lord I have faith that your presence, your love, and your spiritual embrace will always be with the victims of human trafficking.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, hear my prayer.

Amen.

Source: Global Freedom Network





Congregational Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking (2)

Father God, as your people gathered here, in this place, we offer our humble acts of praise to you. We are hopeful that you will recognise the sincerity in our hearts with what we bring on this day. We thank you for the world you have created and the beauty we see within the natural world. It brings joy and pleasure and moments of tranquillity and delight. There are things that we have done to this world that taint the creation you have provided. For the part we may have played in this we offer our repentance. Help us to walk more gently on this earth, not only for our sake, but for the generations to follow.

Lord Jesus, as we endeavour to follow your example in our dealings with others in this world may we always remember your ways. You reached out to the untouchables of society, you spent time with those that others rejected, and you spoke out against the inhumanity that one could inflict on another. Your example is one that we try to follow in other areas of our lives, may this be one we pursue also.

On issues such as Human Trafficking, it seems unlikely Jesus would have been silent. We can imagine his voice would have spoken against the perpetrators and raised the injustices with the governing authorities. We imagine Jesus would have shone a light on the industries that readily exploit trafficked people and continued to shine that light until the evil perpetrated in darkness was no more.

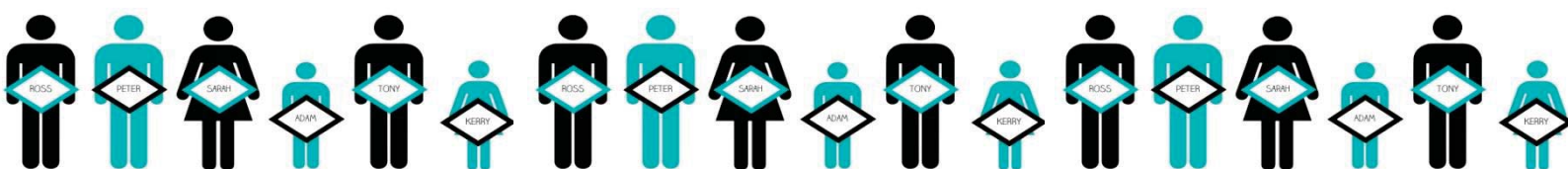
Holy Spirit, inspire us, equip us, convict us and enable us as your people to be a voice where there needs to be words raised up. Help us to not keep silent to authorities that have a greater capacity to enable change. Motivate us to be more aware of the origins of things we purchase and consume. Inspire us to make changes in our own lives that can have a greater impact in the lives of victims of human trafficking. Let us not be comfortable in understanding and knowledge only of an issue. May we be persistent in our prayers and in our challenging of unjust practices. Keep this issue at the forefront of our minds and help us to think creatively about resolutions we can be involved in. Your strength and inspiration will carry us through.

We pray these things, not in the vain hope that someone, somewhere will speak out, but in the desire that we will, in this place, be the loud voice for those who have no voice.

Amen.

For a downloadable version of this resource visit: www.justsalvos.com

Source: Women's Ministries, TSA-AUS





Prayer stations to focus your meeting

Below you will find specific focus areas for your prayer meeting on the Annual Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking. **A full resource kit with printable prayer stations can be downloaded from www.justsalvos.com** . 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 1

Pray for an understanding of the magnitude of the issue.

You will need:

A clear vase, a packet of rice and the "Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in Australia Fact Sheet" provided in this information kit.

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 will experience freedom.

"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.

You will need:

A world map (can be downloaded here: <http://geology.com/world/world-map.shtml>), Sticky notes and Pens/markers

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.

You will need:

Sandra's Story of Freedom:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Quzp3223hCA> (Optional)

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 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.

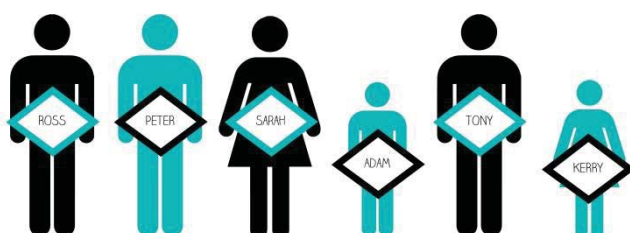
You will need:

A paper chain that can easily be broken.

Working with those who have been found freedom from human trafficking and slavery is a complex. **As you pray for those working with survivors and those seeking freedom, break a chain as a symbolic gesture of claiming freedom.**

- 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.

“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ”- Galatians 6:2 NIV



Ending Slavery is a choice.

Prayer Station 5

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

You will need:

People paper chains, available from your local \$2 Shop, or The Reject Shop. Alternatively, a template is available here: <http://www.origami-resource-center.com/paper-dolls.html>

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.

On the paper chain people, list the groups in your community, such as the police, medical staff, caseworkers and immigration services that may be working with victims of human trafficking.

- 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.

“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.

You will need:

A display of everyday household food items. For example, coffee, tea, tinned goods

As you observe the every items, consider who made them and under what conditions.

Watch the video ‘Swap your Cuppa’:

<http://fairtrade.com.au/media/videos/swap-your-cuppa> (Optional)

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.



Bible Study: Human Trafficking for Labour Exploitation

This study examines the economy of ancient Israel as illustrated by biblical principles. The provision of jubilee in Leviticus 25 offers liberty to those who have lost their livelihood. It also challenges followers of Christ to be faithful to God's will in the midst of the present reality of human trafficking for labour.

Studying the Scripture: Leviticus 25

- Read Leviticus 25 aloud as a whole. Take a few moments for silent reflection
- Read verses 1-12. Notice the rhythm of the cycle of years
- Read verses 13-22. What does the year of jubilee mean for Israelites?

What situations of debt might an Israelite face?

- Verses 25-28
- Verses 35-38
- Verses 39-43
- Verses 47-55

Read these passages of Scripture again. What provisions are set out to redeem Israelites who are in deep difficulty because of debt?

- Verses 25-28
- Verses 35-38
- Verses 39-43
- Verses 47-55

What role does the Year of Jubilee play in each situation?

- Verses 25-28
- Verses 35-38
- Verses 39-43
- Verses 47-55

Consider the relationship God has with the Israelites and the land. What do the following portions of Leviticus 25 reveal?

- Verses 23-24, 55
- Verses 20-21
- Verses 17-19, 36-38, 42-43

Read verses 42-46

- Who may be slaves?
- How may slaves be treated?

How is slavery viewed elsewhere in the Scriptures?

Jubilee tells us something of what God wanted for Israel. What might this be?

Applying the Scripture: Human Trafficking for Labour:

How can we act in the interests of people who are trafficked or are vulnerable to being trafficked for their labour?



Resources

Watch Sandra's Freedom Story:

<http://endslavery.salvos.org.au/get-help/the-safe-house-for-trafficking-slavery/>

Reports

- Global Slavery Index: A comprehensive report that details the prevalence of slavery www.globallslaveryindex.org
- Trafficking in Persons Report: Produced by the US State Department, this report demonstrates how each country is responding to human trafficking and slavery <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/>
- United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime: Global Report of Trafficking in Persons, providing in depth information about victims, perpetrators, regional and global prevalence: <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/data-and-analysis/glotip.html>
- University of Queensland- Information Clearinghouse (Specific to reported incidents of human trafficking and slavery in Australia): www.law.uq.edu.au/humantrafficking

Useful Websites

- The Freedom Partnership: www.endslavery.salvos.org.au
- Stop the Traffik: www.stopthetraffik.com/australia
- The Salvation Army International Anti-trafficking resources: <http://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/antitrafficking>
- Australian Federal Police: www.afp.gov.au/policing/human-trafficking.aspx
- Australian Institute of Criminology: www.aic.gov.au
- Commonwealth of Australia Attorney General's Department: www.ag.gov.au
- Fairtrade Australia and New Zealand: www.fairtrade.com.au
- Free the Slaves: www.freetheslaves.net
- Project Futures: www.projectfutures.com.au
- MTV Exit: www.mtvexit.org
- Walk Free: www.walkfree.org



Practical Responses

“We can’t always see where the road leads but God promises there’s something better up ahead we just have to trust him” Psalm 56:3

1. Encourage your congregation to make a personal pledge to end slavery and human trafficking: www.endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/pledge
2. Support the campaign to protect the rights of domestic workers in Australia, who are often victims of human trafficking and/or experience slavery: <http://endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/campaigns/demand-dignity-domestic-workers/>
3. Swap at least 2 products (Coffee, tea, chocolate) in your church to Fair Trade only. Products are widely available from every major retailer. Watch this video to learn about why switching to Fair Trade makes a difference: <http://fairtrade.com.au/media/videos/swap-your-cuppa>
4. Become a Fair Trade Community: <http://www.fta.org.au/fair-trade-communities.html>
5. Volunteer with The Freedom partnership to be part of ending human trafficking and slavery in Australia: <http://endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/volunteer-opportunities/>
6. Join the committed professional team at Just Salvos by volunteering your time, email: justsalvos@aus.salvationarmy.org
7. Download the Community Action Toolkit, and talk to The Freedom Partnership about how they can support you to take action in your community: <http://endslavery.salvos.org.au/get-involved/>
8. Support The Salvation Army’s anti- trafficking work in Australia, an offering can be journaled to: 0002-0490-24-01101
9. Consider sponsoring a child through The Salvation Army’s sponsorship programme www.salvationarmy.org.au/get-involved/sponsor-a-child
10. Connect with The Freedom Partnership online: www.facebook.com/partner4freedom and sign up the quarterly newsletter, full of information about how you can be involved in ending human trafficking and slavery in Australia: <http://eepurl.com/bt8lSv>
11. Refer any situations you believe may be trafficking or slavery to The Freedom Partnership via email: endslavery@ae.salvationarmy.org or phone: (02) 9266 9762



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