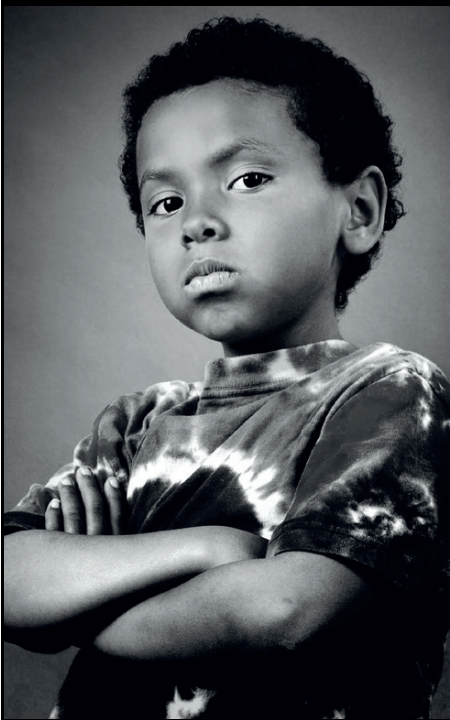


STAND UP

FOR JUSTICE



— Annual Day of Prayer for —
**VICTIMS OF
HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

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ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On Sunday 24th September, Salvationists across the globe will unite in prayer for men, women and children who experience human trafficking. The Salvation Army has a strong history of standing up for the marginalised, and we continue to respond to the injustice of human trafficking both globally and here in Australia. We call upon Salvationists and friends of The Salvation Army in Australia to join us on this important day of prayer and to engage with our efforts to end this inhumane practice.

Australia is not immune from the impacts of human trafficking and modern slavery. People are trafficked into Australia to work on farms, in factories, shops, in construction, cleaning and hospitality and many other industries. It is important that we continue to educate ourselves about the ways in which trafficked people touch our lives through the products and services we use.

This year's theme is '*Stand Up for Justice*'. Will you join us in seeking justice through fervent prayer for those experiencing the enslavement of human trafficking?

The attached resource pack has been developed by The Freedom Partnership – to End Modern Slavery and Just Salvos. We encourage you to utilise the material in the pack to engage members of your corps and community in raising our voices in prayer against the injustice of human trafficking.

If you would like any support or further information regarding the Annual Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking, please contact the Freedom Partnership: endslavery@aus.salvationarmy.org or Just Salvos: justsalvos@aus.salvationarmy.org

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Caring for people
Creating faith pathways
Building healthy communities
Working for justice

OPINION PIECE

The theme for this year's Annual Day of Prayer for Victims of Human trafficking is Stand Up for Justice. What exactly does it mean to stand up for justice?

In 1973 a team of psychologists conducted a study¹ with seminary students in an attempt to understand "helping behaviour". Participants were allocated into groups and asked to prepare material on either future career options for seminary students or the story of the Good Samaritan, both to be presented to a class in a separate building. However, upon receiving their topic some participants were told they only had a few minutes to leave in order to make the presentation on time, others were told they were running late.

The twist in this study is that on their way to the presentation, participants came across a man the study termed 'the victim'. This man was 'sitting slumped in a door-way, head down, eyes closed, not moving'². As participants walked past the victim, he would cough twice, groan, and keep his head down. The study investigated the connection between people's hurriedness and the likelihood that they would stop to assist the victim. It found that those who were in a hurry were less likely to stop and help the victim, even if they were going to talk on the topic of the Good Samaritan.

To stand up for justice requires something from us – it requires our time and our energy. Justice asks us to stop and pay attention to the world around us; it asks us to engage with people who have been pushed aside and ignored. To stand up for justice is to stand up for people, many of whom are victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. Justice requires that we embrace a lifestyle in which we put God's Kingdom first. As we participate in the Annual Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking, our prayer is that we would stop and listen to what God is saying to us – that we would see how God is already working in the world, and join in this work.

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:

The Freedom Partnership: endslavery@aue.salvationarmy.org

Just Salvos: justsalvos@aus.salvationarmy.org

The Freedom Partnership
End Modern Slavery



1 Darley, J. M., & Batson, C. D. (1973). "From Jerusalem to Jericho": A study of situational and dispositional variables in helping behavior. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 27(1), 100–108.

2 Darley & Batson, 1973, pp. 104.

FACTS

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 picked 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.
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Slavery happens in Australia too!

- 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.

The Salvation Army in Australia responding to Human Trafficking

Trafficking & Slavery Safe House

Through The Freedom Partnership, The Salvation Army offers Australia's only supported accommodation for people who have experienced human trafficking and slavery in Australia. The service offers 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.

endslavery.salvos.org.au



The Freedom Partnership is a National Salvation Army initiative.

AUSTRALIAN FREEDOM NETWORK

Through the Australian Freedom Network (AFN) the Freedom Partnership seeks to establish a framework through which faith-based organisations can collaborate and communicate regarding their efforts in the fight against modern slavery. The Australian Freedom Network is a reflection of the Global Freedom Network, launched by Pope Francis in 2014.

This year, faith leaders called on the government to enact a Modern Slavery Act to evolve our response to be inclusive of the private sector and to ensure that supply chains are accountable and transparent. An inquiry is underway and we pray that our advocacy will result in the outcomes we are seeking: 1) an Anti-Slavery Commissioner; 2) modern slavery statements; and 3) a public repository for the statements.



RESOURCES FOR A MEETING

- Prayer Stations. Available at the end of document.
- International Headquarters have developed a sermon outline, a Sunday school lesson and a prayer. All are available to download here: <http://tinyurl.com/yb68ojya>
- Videos
 - Sandra's Story. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Quzp3223hCA>
 - Slavery in Australia. This video discusses human trafficking and modern slavery in Australia. View here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87KOCU3HUSc>

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- International Headquarters have developed resources to use. They are available to download here: <http://tinyurl.com/yb68ojya>
- The Salvation Army Positional Statement on Human Trafficking provides some great theological reflection and practical responses. It can be viewed here: <http://tinyurl.com/y7tsth7a>
- Freedom Partnership resources available here <http://endslavery.salvos.org.au/learn/resources/>
- Read this Others Magazine article on the push for a modern slavery act available here: <http://others.org.au/news/2017/03/03/salvos-freedom-partnership-leads-push-for-modern-slavery-act/>
- Watch this 7:30 Report on the Federal Government's Response to modern slavery <http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2017/s4680954.htm>
- Read more about the case for an Australian Modern Slavery Act by Walk Free Foundation here: <http://tinyurl.com/yb4jrb6y>

HOME AND BEYOND (PRACTICAL RESPONSES)

1. Encourage your congregation to make a personal pledge to end slavery and human trafficking. Follow this link to pledge: www.endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/pledge
2. Support people who have experienced slavery and exploitation in Australia by donating to the Australian Freedom Fund: endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/australian-freedom-fund
3. Support the campaign to protect the rights of domestic workers in Australia, who are often victims of human trafficking and/or experience slavery:
endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/campaigns/demand-dignity-domestic-workers/
4. Swap at least 2 products (Coffee, tea, chocolate) in your home to Fair Trade only. Products are widely available from every major retailer. Considering asking your church to do the same. Watch this video to learn about why switching to Fair Trade makes a difference:
fairtrade.com.au/media/videos/swap-your-cuppa
5. Walk for freedom on the Grampians Hike and raise money for The Salvos Trafficking & Slavery Safe House! More information here: <http://projectfutures.com/hike-the-grampians/>
6. Volunteer with The Freedom partnership to be part of ending human trafficking and slavery in Australia: endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/volunteeropportunities
7. Join the committed professional team at Just Salvos by volunteering your time, email: justsalvos@aus.salvationarmy.org
8. 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/>
9. Connect with The Freedom Partnership online: <https://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/bt8ISv>
10. Refer any situations you believe may be trafficking or slavery to The Freedom Partnership via email: endslavery@aue.salvationarmy.org or phone: (02) 9466 3570 or 9466 3573
11. Are you a business owner? Consider engaging a sustainability and procurement professional to look into issues of modern slavery within your business.
12. Considering engaging in the We Stand With Rosie, a campaign for safer conditions for backpackers here: www.88daysandcounting.com/

PRAYER STATIONS

Below are prayer stations that can be used to acknowledge the Annual Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking.

PRAYER STATION	WHAT YOU NEED
Stand up for Justice	Print outs of fake money A print out of the instructions Print outs of the Ethical Fashion Guide - available here Print out of the '10 Principles of Fair Trade' - available here
Even in Australia	Map of Australia Print out of the instructions Pens Sticky notes (alternatively, people can write directly on the map)
Backpackers	A backpack Tins of fruit and veggies/ fresh fruit and veggies A print out of the instructions
The Salvation Army International	A print out of the year book map available here A print out of the instructions Pens, textas Sticky notes
It takes a village	Lego or duplo blocks, with some partially constructed A print out of instructions
Healing	Blank paper Band-Aids Pens/textas A print out of the instructions

STAND UP FOR JUSTICE

Take some time and think about your week. What are the places you have purchased products or services from? For example, your local café or restaurant; the supermarket you buy your weekly groceries from.

Modern slavery touches many of the products we use in our everyday lives, sometimes in ways that we are unaware of. Take some time to read the 10 Principles of Fair Trade, and look through the Ethical Fashion Guide to see how your favourite brands rate.

Spent time praying for those who are working in slavery to make our products and provide services. Commit to using your money in ways that encourage safe working conditions and fair wages for workers. Write your promised action on the fake money and put it in your wallet as reminder and encouragement of your commitment to using ethical products and services

EVEN IN AUSTRALIA

Australia is not exempt from human trafficking and modern slavery. According to the Global Slavery Index (2016) there are approximately 4300 people living in modern slavery. Spend some time reading over the examples of human trafficking and modern 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

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>

Write down any prayers on the map of Australia.

Pray for people in Australia who are living in slavery.

Pray for people working against human trafficking and modern slavery in Australia.

BACKPACKERS

Many people at risk of human trafficking and modern slavery in Australia are backpackers working on fruit and vegetable picking farms. Vulnerable to exploitation, many are forced to work long hours, for minimum or no pay in unsafe working conditions.

Take some time to pray for this industry and the safety of vulnerable people working in it. As you do, remove an item from the backpack - this symbolises freedom from human trafficking.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

A holistic approach to the elimination of human trafficking requires collaboration between different agencies, governments, individuals and community groups. It requires effective grassroots movements as well as policy that supports and protects those who have been enslaved.

Take a block and add it to the other lego pieces. Each unique organisation and individual brings their skills and passions and together we contribute to elimination human trafficking and modern slavery.

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.

THE SALVATION ARMY INTERNATIONAL

The Salvation Army responds to human trafficking and modern slavery in its various forms. The organisation helps prevent human trafficking and is involved in developing policy that protects vulnerable people. Officers, soldiers, employees and volunteers also assist in meeting the needs of people who have experienced human trafficking.

Spend some time in prayer for The Salvation Army International as workers across the globe combat human trafficking.

Pray for the front line workers 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.

Pick a country and write your prayers for people there who are working against slavery.

HEALING

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