Annual Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking

OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COMMANDER Australia



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Greetings friends,

RE: ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On Sunday September 25th, Salvationists will unite in prayer for men, women and children who experience human trafficking. Whilst we know that people are trafficked overseas many of us are still unaware that people are trafficked into Australia to work on farms, in factories, shops, in construction, cleaning and hospitality and many other industries. Some of us remain unaware of the many ways that trafficked people may touch our lives through the products and services we use.

We are proud of the significant response to human trafficking that The Salvation Army has mounted over the past two decades globally and right here in Australia. We call upon Salvationists and friends of The Salvation Army in Australia to join us on this significant day of prayer and to engage with our efforts to end this inhumane practice.

This year's theme is 'Speak Out, Give Hope' and draws on four ideas – Fear, Truth, Hope, and Restoration – from Genesis 20. Will you join us in fervently petitioning for those experiencing the enslavement of human trafficking?

The attached kit has been developed by The Freedom Partnership – to End Modern Slavery and Just Salvos. I 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@aue.salvationarmy.org or Just Salvos: justsalvos@aus.salvationarmy.org

Yours sincerely,

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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's theme is 'Speak Out, Give Hope' and draws on four ideas – Fear, Truth, Hope and Restoration – from Genesis 20.



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 Freedom Partnership End Modern Slavery







& 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 you 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 of 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)

Learn more: endslavery.salvos.org.au

Examples of Human Trafficking & Slavery in Australia



X 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



"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 iournev... -Eduardo, Survivor & Salvation Army Freedom Advocate

The Freedom Partnership End Modern Slavery



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.

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The Freedom Partnership is a National Salvation Army initiative.

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The Australian Freedom Fund

The Australian Freedom Fund is The Freedom Partnership's giving platform to fund vital services for survivors of slavery. These services include: medical and dental expenses, furniture and household necessities, and airfares to reunite separated family members.

Most people escape their slavery situation without police and need a safe place where they can consider their options. Sometimes this can take weeks creating a gap period where victims may be turned away from services due to lack of funds. This creates a risk of re-exploitation, homelessness and hopelessness.

The Australian Freedom Fund helps ensure that safe and professional support is available for people escaping slavery until they are able to access more formal supports.

The Fund is available to victims regardless of whether or not they have engaged with law enforcement.

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Freedom Advocates

The Freedom Partnership runs a unique program for survivors of modern slavery called The Freedom Advocates.

The Freedom Advocates program ensures survivors have an opportunity to contribute to and shape the national response to modern slavery through self-determined, supported means.

Advocates go through extensive formal training to ensure they are empowered to conduct their form of advocacy safely and effectively. They engage in a range of activities, including public awareness raising, policy advocacy and peer mentoring.





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





A responsive reading. Adapted from Intercommunity peace and justice centre, Seattle and the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT)

Leader:

When God brought the exiles back to Zion

We were like those who dream.

Then our mouths were filled with laughter

And our tongues with shouts of joy.

Congregation:

Among the nations it was said,

"God has done great things for them."

God has done great things for us,

And we rejoiced.

Leader:

Bring back our exiles, O God,

Like fresh streams in the desert.

May those who sow in tears

Reap with songs and shouts of joy.

Congregation:

Those that go forth weeping

Shall come home with shouts of joy,

Carrying their sheaves.

All: Glory to you, God of life and freedom, praise and thanksgiving now and forever. Amen.





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 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 remains 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: 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: Popsicles/Paddle Pop Sticks

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.

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



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: Blank paper, band aids

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 prayer. 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.

"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-yourcuppa (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.



Our theme this year is 'Speak Out, Give Hope'.

In Genesis 20 we are presented with an opportunity to focus on the characters of Abraham, Abimelek and Sarah, and to ask some simple, yet useful, questions. It is a story that perhaps we feel is distant from the realities of human trafficking.

FEAR is paralysing. It can stop a person in their tracks. We know that fear is something most victims feel – fear of authority and fear of those who help. In Job 4:14 we read of how Job was seized by fear. It's painful and can be a debilitating emotion. The psalmist writes in Psalm 55:5: 'Fear and trembling have beset me.'

Out of fear, Abram [Abraham] told a lie – and not for the first time. It was the same lie as before (see Genesis 12:10-13). It seems it was easy for Abraham to return to his old ideas of fixing a situation. He tried to deal with it himself instead of asking for help and trusting God.

- 1. How does fear affect you?
- 2. Have you ever tried to manipulate a situation instead of allowing God to lead and others to help?
- 3. How easy is it to slip into old ways?

TRUTH is not always easy to hear. As President Barack Obama said, regarding talks on climate change: 'Sticking your head in the sand might make you feel safer, but it's not going to protect you from the coming storm.'

Abraham's fear had pushed him to tell lies and put Sarah in danger. Abimelek – a pagan king with a harem of many women – heard the voice of truth during his sleep. Clearly the voice of God spoke to him and told him of his error. Truth was made known. In the Bible, when truth is spoken we see lives changed.

Psalm 25:5 states: 'Guide me in your truth'. It's not a given that we know the way of truth. We need direction and help to navigate the untruths. It's a relationship and a discipline. Here is the important part – God spoke up for Sarah, the victim.

Abimelek was set free from a heavy punishment by God. Jesus tells us in John 8:32: 'You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'

- 1. What truths do we need to hear daily from God?
- 2. What truth could set us free?
- 3. Who do we allow to speak truth into our lives?

HOPE. Abimelek, a pagan king, had a harem, into which arrived Sarah, aged 90. Both were placed into a situation where things could go wrong.

- Abimelek a victim who could change a stuation and give hope;
- Sarah a victim who received hope for the future.

Abimelek's name means 'father of a king' – a common name similar to that of Pharoah – and the Philistine pagan king was among the early settlers in Gerar. He was a king who heard and acted upon the voice of God, offering hope even through punishment to Sarah.

Every victim of human trafficking needs someone to offer them hope and the opportunity to change the situation. Someone must speak up and give hope. In this passage, a non-believer heard the voice of God and spoke up.

- 1. When have we heard God speak?
- 2. How have we heard God speak?
- 3. What situation can we speak out about to bring hope to someone today?

RESTORATION for the victims. The dream is that every victim of human trafficking will be fully restored to live an abundant life.

The Bible tells us about the restoration in individuals' lives. In Job chapter 42, we read: 'After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before' (v 10).

The Hebrew word used was (*yakach*) – 'set right'. Sarah had been wronged and was set right, or 'found right' as some commentators suggest, because of her humility. Both are true. Restoration comes through trust and a renewed belief in God.

Through a healing touch or meeting, Jesus restored people to health. It's about health.

- Sarah was restored to Abraham;
- Abraham was given value;
- Abimelek was seen and 'noted by God'.

Like Sarah, we must humble ourselves to be restored. Have we experienced this?

Is there a situation – relationship, friend, colleague, partner or service user – where we can bring hope by allowing them to encounter God?



Bible Study 2 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:

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.globalslaveryindex.org
- Trafficking in Persons Report: Produced by the US State Department, this report demonstrates how each country is responding to human trafficking and slavery 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:

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: www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/antitraff icking
- Australian Federal Police: www.afp.gov.au/policing/humantrafficking.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



"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: <u>www.endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/pledge</u>
- 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 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: <u>fairtrade.com.au/media/videos/swap-your-cuppa</u>
- 5. Walk for freedom on the Great Ocean Road and raise money for The Salvos Trafficking & Slavery Safe House! Join The Freedom Partnership and Project Futures trek in February 2017: projectfutures.com/great-ocean-walk
- 6. Volunteer with The Freedom partnership to be part of ending human trafficking and slavery in Australia: <u>endslavery.salvos.org.au/act/volunteer-opportunities/</u>
- 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: endslavery.salvos.org.au/get-involved
- Connect with The Freedom Partnership online: <u>www.facebook.com/partner4freedom</u> and sign up the quarterly newsletter, full of information about how you can be involved in ending human trafficking and slavery in Australia: <u>http://eepurl.com/bt8lSv</u>
- 10. Refer any situations you believe may be trafficking or slavery to The Freedom Partnership via email: <u>endslavery@aue.salvationarmy.org</u> or phone: (02) 9466 3570 or 9466 3573

