



BEYOND THE DARK

SUNDAY PARTICIPATION PLANNING IDEAS

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR
VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



SCRIPTURE THEME

'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).



WHY DO WE HAVE THIS SPECIAL SUNDAY?

What is modern slavery and human trafficking (MSHT)? The Salvation Army is deeply committed to responding to modern slavery and human trafficking. We have a theological and historical mandate. We believe prayer is foundational and a unique way The Salvation Army responds towards a world free from exploitation. Modern slavery arises as a result of economic, social, cultural, and legal conditions that create a state of vulnerability in which those who are enslaved find themselves. Today, there are more than 40 million men, women and children worldwide impacted by modern slavery and human trafficking. Among these, more than 15 million are in forced marriages, more than 24 million are in forced labour situations and about 30 per cent of those exploited are children.



HOW IS THE SALVATION ARMY RESPONDING GLOBALLY?

We are actively responding to modern slavery and human trafficking in 108 countries through our eight focus action areas: Prayer, Prevention, Participation, Protection, Prosecution, Partnership, Policy and Proof. Every territory/country has a contact person dedicated to growing the work in these areas and we invite you to join the response. In 2021, we served and journeyed with 9,795 survivors.



SPOKEN WORD PRAYER TIME: Please see Spoken Prayer Resource.



SONG IDEAS (WITH KEY LINES)

- 'Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)' (I've been set free. My God, my Saviour has ransomed me)
- 'Here I am to Worship' (Light of the world you stepped down into darkness)
- 'Light in the Darkness' (Be a light in the darkness, be a heart to the heartless)
- 'Way Maker' (Light in the darkness, my God that is who you are)
- 'In Christ Alone' (There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain, then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again)
- 'Amazing Grace' (I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see)
- 'There are People Hurting in the World out There' (They need you, they need me, they need Christ)
- 'I am No Longer a Slave to Fear' (We've been liberated from our bondage)



SCRIPTURE MESSAGE AND REFLECTION: Please see Adult, Youth and Children Resource



CORPORATE ALLY COMMITMENT PRAYER

Invite your congregation and community to commit to becoming an ally and standing in solidarity with survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking.

I hear the cries of daughters and sons beyond the dark, trafficked and enslaved for the profit of others.

I stand with you.

I see the next generation of vulnerable children targeted for the benefit of worldly pleasures.

I will fight for you.

I stand with frontline practitioners, advocating for the freedom of victims of oppression and walking alongside survivors.

I acknowledge you.

I lament for the ways I have knowingly and unknowingly contributed to modern slavery and human trafficking through my ignorance, my privilege and my spending power.

I refuse to be blind.

May my prayers and those of your people turn into action as we fight against injustice together.

We are not free until we all experience light.

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LUNCH

Have a meal together and continue reflecting on God's love for those who are victims of modern slavery and human trafficking



PRAYER IN ACTION

Here are some other ideas for how you and your corps can participate in honouring this day beyond the Sunday service:

- Organise a prayer community walk
- Invite your community to a human trafficking prevention Bible study/small group
 - » You could do this physically if restrictions allow, or in small groups. You could also do this over WhatsApp, Zoom, Facebook or another online platform
 - » Remember that you can adapt materials to suit your community! Please reach out if you need support with this.
- Host an awareness event that addresses the roots causes to human trafficking in your community. Invite your territorial/national contact person to share what's being done in your territory/country and discuss ways you and your corps can get involved.