

Annual Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking

25 September 2016

“What can we do?”

Think before you buy

There are 21 million slaves in the world today. Children represent 40% to 50% of persons trafficked for labour.

Take a few minutes to explore slaveryfootprint.org. It's a stark commentary on how we all contribute to this problem.

Reach out to the dispossessed

Did you know that the likelihood of someone being trafficked rises exponentially if they live in poverty without a supportive community?

Find out what programs exist in your neighbourhood or city that work with the dispossessed. Get involved or support them. There may even be some operating out of your church community.

Advocate for justice

Be the voice for the voiceless. Issues of injustice and human trafficking make the news every day. Keep informed on current issues and talk to people about them. Raise awareness and discuss what can be done.

Believe it or not, writing a letter or speaking with your elected officials is one of the most effective ways of advocacy. Information on letter-writing can be found at bit.ly/ObXJbZ.

Form relationships with the vulnerable

The lack of community resources for youth – from childcare to recreational programs – can yield a breeding ground for exploitation and vulnerability.

Building relationships, especially with vulnerable youth, can make an immeasurable difference in the lives of individuals and in your community.

The Salvation Army Ethics Centre

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<http://salvationarmyethics.org/anti-trafficking-day-of-prayer-resources/>

www.salvationarmy.org/lhq/antitrafficking

Fight injustice

Vulnerable people experience injustice in ways we can't begin to fathom.

Even our food choices can make a difference. Oxfam has come up with five practical actions for all of us to consider (bit.ly/Q7mZah), noting “If enough people act, the reverberations will be felt right along the food chain.”

Imagine a world without trafficking

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Champion prevention

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Some ground breaking work has been done in Bangladesh with women working in brothels. For a glimpse into that world, view the Schools not Brothels video found at bit.ly/lr6F5sU. Education is the key component to preventing human trafficking.

Keep praying

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THE ACT OF	BY THE MEANS OF	FOR THE PURPOSE OF
Recruitment	Threat or use of force	Exploitation, including:
Transport	Coercion	Prostitution of others
Transfer	Abduction	Sexual exploitation
Harbouring	Fraud	Forced labour
Receipt of persons	Deception	Slavery or similar practices
	Abuse of power or vulnerability	Removal of organs
	Giving payments or benefits	Other types of exploitation

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