



## Script for call to Prayer PowerPoint Presentation.

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Trafficking in Persons Defined:

The definition of trafficking in persons can be broken down into three separate parts: criminal acts, the means used to commit those acts, and goals for which the acts are committed. At least one element from each of these three groups is required before the definition applies.

Trafficking in people is the illegal movement of people, within national or across international borders, for the purposes of exploitation in the form of commercial sex, domestic service or manual labour." United Nations Definition

The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.

Adapted from "Trafficking in Persons Global Patterns," United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. April 2006.

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Put more simply Human Trafficking is:

Trafficking in people is the illegal movement of people, within national or across international borders, for the purposes of exploitation in the form of commercial sex, domestic service or manual labour.

Human Trafficking is modern-day SLAVERY.

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Over 2,000,000 people are trafficked every year over international borders  
Victims are men, women and children, but around 50% are children.

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What kind of God do we pray to?

'Happy are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

He is the one who made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.  
He is the one who keeps every promise forever.'

(Psalm 146:5,6, NLT)

The Bible doesn't provide a nice, compact discourse from God on the subject of trafficking, but his nature and character leave us in no doubt as to how he feels about the trafficking of human beings.

Rescuing and caring for the poor and oppressed is intrinsic to God's very nature (Psalms 94 and 146)

This desire to rescue characterises his interaction with humanity; Jesus' mandate was all about reaching the poor, the deceived and the enslaved (Luke 4:16-20)

So strong is God's compassion for the used and abused that he chooses to identify completely with them; Jesus himself was trafficked (Matthew 26:1-16)

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Pray for the victims of trafficking

'The LORD protects the foreigners among us. He cares for the orphans and widows ...'

(Psalm 146:9, NLT)

Pray for comfort: trafficking tears people away from family, friends and home.

Pray for healing: victims of trafficking are often abused physically and emotionally.

Pray for courage: trafficked people often live in fear of their 'handlers', and can't speak out against them.

Pray for hope: that God will shine his light into dark places.

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Pray for the 'consumers' who fuel the trafficking trade

'The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.'

(Psalm 146:8, NLT)

Pray for justice: it can be hard for the police to gather evidence to convict traffickers.

Pray for true sight: those who buy services from trafficked people often don't see themselves as part of the problem.

Pray for change: that those making money from this trade will stop, or be stopped.



Pray for freedom: that the wealthy, western world will find fulfilment without needing to exploit the poor and vulnerable.

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Pray for The Salvation Army's work with trafficked people

'He is the one ... who gives justice to the oppressed, and food to the hungry. The LORD frees the prisoners.'

(Psalm 146:6,7, NLT)

Pray for protection: traffickers see their victims as sources of income, so it can be dangerous for others to rescue them.

Pray for wisdom: victims of trafficking are wounded and fearful; those who rescue them need to know how best to help them.

Pray for truth: a trafficked person may have completely lost their identity; those who help them need to enable them to learn who they are in God.

Pray for resources: that wherever The Army is at work rescuing trafficked people, there will be enough money and personnel to do the work well.

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Leader: Lord of all, we claim your justice, mercy, compassion, comfort and freedom for the millions affected by human trafficking in our world today. For the men, women and children, enslaved by fear, torture, dependency, entrapment and bonded labour we ask for you to intervene with righteousness and grace.

All: God of all that is good, give freedom to the captives and restore justice to your world.

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Leader: Lord, for the victims who are lured, trapped and exploited we pray for comfort for their pain, healing for their hurts, courage to speak out against their oppressors and for restorative hope for those who have been rescued and those yet to be rescued.

ALL: Holy Spirit, we ask you to heal and restore 'the victims' with your transforming power.

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Leader: God of Justice, we pray for those that enslave: the trafficker and abuser, the pimp and the client, the slave master and unjust 'employer'. We ask you to stir them with your voice of justice and conscience of goodness. Speak to them in dreams, thoughts and words and with lawful intervention. Help them to understand their actions and understand your grace.

ALL: Jesus the Redeemer, we pray for the hearts and minds of the oppressors: traffickers and consumers.



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Leader: Lord of hope, we claim your light for the darkest of situations. Guide and equip those that care and intervene for victims. Give wisdom and insight to those that pursue, prosecute and preside over cases of trafficking and the traffickers.

ALL: Living hope, we claim you for all that we need to be and do, to stop human trafficking. Help us to be fervent in prayer and in action.

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Leader: Lord of all, we want to see your kingdom come and your will be done. We know that trafficking is against your very nature and we pray for a real end to this horrific slavery.

ALL: God of all that is good, help us to be people of prayer, of action and a people who speak your truth and justice into the world around us. Help us to use our time, our resources and our energy to overcome, by your power, the evil that is Human Trafficking and to claim the victory that is already ours. We passionately say AMEN.

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#### RAISE AWARENESS

By telling others all about the issue and helping understand what we can each do to stop it from happening anymore.

#### RAISE FUNDS

The scale and nature of this work means that resources are desperately and constantly needed. You can make a real difference by financially supporting the Salvation Army's work in this area.

(NB Donations can be made online at [www.salvationarmy.org.uk/id](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/id), by direct debit, by phone, one off donation by card or cheque - Cheques need to be payable to The Salvation Army and sent to Anti Human Trafficking, International Development, The Salvation Army, 101 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6BN.

#### RAISE YOUR VOICE

Speak out about this issue. Sign a declaration card for Stop The Traffik to add your voice to the thousands who want to stop this injustice.

You can look at your local community. What sort of evidence is there that trafficking might be around? Do massage parlours and saunas advertise a lot in local papers, are there brothels in your area. Doing a community audit will make you aware of the scope in your area. For more help on how to do this contact the International development Team.



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Case Study for use with adults only.

Lydia, Sri Lanka

Lydia (41 years old) was lured from home in northern Sri Lanka by traffickers. Her husband had left her years before, with a child to care for and no house or income. Lydia then got work as a tea picker but still relied on help and accommodation from family. When an 'agent' came to her village offering jobs as housekeepers in Saudi Arabia, Lydia saw the opportunity to finally support her daughter and be able to afford to buy a house. Sussilla was told she would have to pay 40,000 Rupees (£200) to afford her visa and flight - a lot of money for someone earning less than 500 rupees a month. The agent offered her a deal where she could pay it off a little at a time out of her pay. Lydia travelled to Saudi Arabia where she began work. After one month of work, it came to pay day and instead of being paid, Lydia was beaten. The abuse got worse from then. Her 'employer' used to drug her, tie her hands and feet apart and rape her repeatedly. He would also invite his friends over to do the same. Because she was often unconscious she has no idea how many times she was raped and by how many people. On one occasion she had chemicals poured down her legs which burnt her flesh badly. She has also lost hearing in her left ear and is now 7 months pregnant as a result of the abuse. It was after her last attack with the chemicals that Lydia was eventually taken to hospital because she was suffering in pain so horrifically. She was handed over to police and then eventually Sri Lankan embassy officials who brought her back to Sri Lanka. From there she was referred to a Salvation Army centre which cares for trafficked women and children. Lydia is a Christian and prays everyday that God would continue to heal her and that one day she will be able to provide for her daughter. She clings to her faith which she says is her only hope for the future. When the baby is born, Lydia says she will give the baby up for adoption in the hope that another family can give the child a good life. Her abusive traffickers have never been charged for any offence.



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### Suitable for contexts when children are present

The Salvation Army in Malawi is working in partnership with the government Social Services department and a local businessman in the Mchinji community to respond to the huge problem of child trafficking at the Zambia/Malawi border.

Children are being trafficked on mass from Malawi to Zambia to work as domestic slaves. The children are lured away from their homes with the promise of education and fair employment, often made to the parents. The problem is made worse by the success of adult workers who have travelled from poorer Malawi to Zambia for legitimate jobs and now send money back to their families. But there is hope for these vulnerable child victims. This picture shows the foundations of a safe house that has now been completed. The buildings are accommodating children rescued by Social Services from trafficking situations that have been obstructed at the border. The Salvation Army has committed to caring for these children who previously just had to sleep on the floor of the social services office.

The land and buildings have been provided by a local business man who has become passionate about doing something about the problem. But the buildings still need furnishings and equipment. In partnership with this business man, the local Salvation Army will care for children caught up in the false promises that the traffickers have used to lure them and their families.

The Salvation Army is responding to the problem in a number of ways. Education and awareness programmes will be delivered to help vulnerable communities understand the issues of trafficking and how to avoid being lured into a trafficking situation. The children are being cared for in a safe house for children rescued from traffickers. This has been completed but needs furnishing and equipment as well as toys and basic supplies for the children. The Salvation Army is also helping to reunite children with their families; giving children back their choice and helping families understand the dangers of trafficking. Kids Clubs and Play therapy will also help make children less vulnerable by helping them work through the emotions and trauma of being trafficked and learn about the dangers and 'tricks' used by traffickers. Big problems need big support. But big sums are possible when people commit to making a big commitment to stop the injustice and slavery that exists in this community and so many others.

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Globally in SA: we are very involved in this issue and starting some pioneering projects.



We are developing programmes specifically designed to combating trafficking in Philippines, Sri Lanka, China, Asia Pacific, South Africa, Malawi, Zambia, Eastern Europe, USA and the UK.  
These are the first of their kind in the SA

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These projects focus on

- Empowering local teams to respond to the situation, through training and hands-on learning.

- Community education and awareness about the issue, aimed at the most vulnerable people.

- Community responses to the issue, through care, campaigning and reporting of incidents of trafficking to authorities

- provision of care for victims in safe houses and other facilities that can support specific needs and assistance in situations where they choose to return to their own country or town.

- sharing information between countries which creates a wide network of people combating the issue

- Enabling concerned citizens in all countries to get involved in advocacy, campaigning, awareness raising and fundraising to help stop the trafficking in people in source and destination countries.

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