

"Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking"

1 in 3 victims of human trafficking globally is a child

"It takes courage and honesty, when, in our daily lives, we meet or deal with persons who could be victims of human trafficking, or when we are tempted to select items which may well have been produced by exploiting others.

The work of raising awareness must begin at home, with ourselves, because only in this way will we be able to then make our communities aware, motivating them to commit themselves so that no human being may ever again be a victim of trafficking."

—Pope Francis, February 2018

Human trafficking and slavery are illegal in every country, but present in every nation on Earth.
- USCSAHT

We are focusing on the intersections of human trafficking and homelessness — two very traumatizing situations that are often addressed individually, rather than together.
-Jean Quinn, DW Executive Director
UNANIMA International

We'll do anything we can to get things as cheaply as we can. For that to happen, someone has to be exploited."
— Colleen Jackson rsc (ACRATH)

What can I do?

1. **Educate yourself and others:** Take time to learn about the complexities of human trafficking and share this knowledge with your community. Understanding the issue is the first step in combating it.
2. **Support Anti-Trafficking Organizations:** Consider donating to or volunteering with reputable organizations that work to prevent trafficking and support survivors.
3. **Advocate:** Use your voice (and letter writing skills) to call for stronger anti-trafficking laws and better protection for vulnerable populations in your country and around the world.

We pray...

For the women, men and children currently held, being trafficked, have been bought, sold, exploited or kidnapped for the monetary benefit of others,

God of Compassion, bring hope and freedom.

For those in bonded labour, in agricultural fields, mines and factories, who have been reduced to tools of production,

God of Compassion, bring hope and freedom.

For children exploited and objectified in the commercial sex industry, without freedom to play, learn and grow up in safety,

God of Compassion, bring hope and freedom.

For we consumers, complicit in demand for products supplied through modern slavery

God of Compassion, bring hope and freedom.

**God of hope and freedom,
we acknowledge with gratitude the many gifts, blessings and freedoms
that surround our lives and ministries.
Inspire us to act for justice and, wherever we are, seek to 'leave no-one behind.'**