



## Model Service Outline to mark Anti-Slavery Day

### PLANNING

#### Background

Anti-Slavery Day is commemorated in the UK every year on 18 October, which is also the European Union's Anti-Human Trafficking Day. In 2014 a group of Christian organisations designated the nearest Sunday to this date as "Freedom Sunday."

CARE has prepared this service outline focussing on issues of justice, freedom and modern day slavery which you may like to use around 18 October.

#### Pastoral Sensitivity

Some of the material connected with modern day slavery, especially sexual exploitation will be explicit and contain details of traumatic events. Please be sensitive to the age of the people in your congregation when choosing stories and information to share.

#### Factual information and theological reflection

We have included some basic facts and theological reflection throughout this service outline, but you can find more detailed information in our [Human Trafficking Resources for Christian Leaders](#) available on our website. [www.care.org.uk](http://www.care.org.uk)

#### Prayers & songs

At the back of this pack you will find a series of prayers written especially for this occasion and some other helpful resources. You will also find some suggestions of hymns and songs that you might like to use.

#### Other resources

There is a variety of other resources available on the [Human Trafficking Resources](#) page of our website including prayer materials, video clips, and ideas for creative activities on themes of justice and freedom.

You can also register to access resources from the <http://freedomundayglobal.org/> website.



## SERVICE OUTLINE

### Welcome and introduction of theme

In introducing the service you could use the Bible passage and prayer below.

*'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.'* Proverbs 31: 8,9 (NIV)

Heavenly Father, as we think of those living in slavery please speak to our hearts and guide us in our thoughts, words and deeds; that we might, in some way, become part of the answer. We praise You for Your great love and mercy. We trust that Your holy and righteous judgement will be done on the day of Your choosing. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Hymn/songs

You could use some of the songs listed in annex 5 at the end of this service outline.

### Introduction to Modern Day Slavery - Anti-Slavery Day Quiz

Use the CARE Anti-Slavery Day Quiz (Annex 1 at the end of this service outline) to introduce your congregation to the issue of modern day slavery. A PowerPoint version is available on our [website here](#).

### Personal stories

Share one of the personal stories (Annex 2). Ask someone to read the story as if it was their own experience. Alternatively you could show one of the [video clips found on our website](#). All the stories are based on real testimonies but names have been changed.

### Hymn/songs

You could use some of the songs listed in annex 5 at the end of this service outline.

### Bible Readings

Isaiah 58, Luke 4:16-21



### Talk notes

There are some notes on Luke 4:16-21 in Annex 3 of this service outline. You can find notes on other scriptures in our [Church Leaders Biblical Reflections resources online](#) if you prefer.

### Hymn/songs

You could use some of the songs listed in annex 5 at the end of this service outline.

### Responding to this issue

It can feel difficult to see what we can do as individuals and local churches. But there are lots of ways to take action. We've suggested a few below that you might like to take part in during or after your service.

**Give** – invites you to raise money to support CARE's national policy work and frontline organisations supporting victims of trafficking.

**Act** – invites you to take part in action to engage with your elected representatives, to raise awareness in your community and to look at your own lifestyle.

**Pray** – invites you to consider how you can continue to lift up the oppressed to the Lord and pray for his freedom to break in to the lives of the most vulnerable in our world.

Here are some suggestions:

#### Give

- take up a collection to donate to [www.care.org.uk/donate](http://www.care.org.uk/donate) and/or to charities providing frontline support to victims in the UK (some of these, both Christian and non-Christian are: [Sophie Hayes Foundation](#), [Unseen](#), [Hope for Justice](#), [City Hearts](#), [Medaille Trust](#), [Salvation Army](#), [Migrant Help](#), [Womens Aid NI](#))

#### Act

- Send a letter to your MP, MSPs, AMs, MLAs and your Police and Crime Commissioner, to tell them about your service and ask them what action they are taking to address trafficking and exploitation in your area – you could invite everyone attending your service to sign the letter.
- Write to the manager of your local supermarkets asking what action they are taking to eliminate slavery or exploitation in their supply chains.
- Commit to buying fair-trade products for your church, and as individuals wherever you can, perhaps look out for new products that you've not tried before.



- send a photo taken during your service and write a short letter about it for your local newspaper to help raise awareness of modern day slavery in your community
- try out some creative activities – perhaps hold an art competition on a theme of slavery and freedom
- hold a screening of 12 Years a Slave, Amazing Grace or other similar film after the service and then have a time of discussion about the themes of the film and human trafficking happening today
- join CARE's *Loose the chains* mailing list to get updates and opportunities to take action throughout the year

### Pray

- set up prayer stations around the room to enable people to pray about different aspects of modern day slavery (you could use the [prayer points in our online resources](#))
- commit to praying for issues to do with human trafficking every day for a week – you could hand out our 7 day prayer guide available to download in [the Church leaders resources](#)

### Prayers of intercession

You could use the prayers in annex 4 at the end of this service outline.

### Hymn/songs

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### Sending out

In closing the service you could use the prayer below.

*Almighty God, who has called us to His service to preach the gospel of salvation and also to care for the needy, we give thanks that through Your Church You are at work healing broken lives. May Your will be done and Your kingdom come in every corner of this earth to the praise and honour of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Send us out Father, in the name of Christ, with the power, comfort and peace of Your Holy Spirit to live and work for Your glory. Amen.*



## Annex 1 – Anti-Slavery Day Quiz

Read out the questions below and invite the congregation to shout out the answer before revealing the correct answer. After the correct answer is given share the additional information below.

A PowerPoint version of the quiz is available on our website for you to use if you'd like ([www.care.org.uk/anti-slavery-day](http://www.care.org.uk/anti-slavery-day)).

### Q1. What is the estimated number of people in modern day slavery around the world?

Multiple choice answers:

- A. 20.5 million
- B. 40.3 million
- C. 66 million

Correct answer: B. 40.3 million (ILO Global Estimates of Modern Slavery 2017)

Additional information: the Global Slavery estimate is equivalent to over half of the UK population of 66 million (choice C).

### Q2. How many people are thought to be in modern day slavery in the UK?

Multiple choice answers:

- A. 3,600
- B. 13,600
- C. 136,000

Correct answer: C. 136,000 (Global Slavery Index 2018)

Additional information: Sadly, most victims are hidden and never come to the attention of the authorities. Each year only about 5,000 people thought to be victims of human trafficking are identified through official channels in the UK.

### Q3. Approximately what proportion of people believe to be victims of modern day slavery in the UK are children?

Multiple choice answers:

- A. 5%
- B. 10%
- C. 40%

Correct answer: C. 41% (41% in 2017) (from the National Referral Mechanism statistics)



#### Q4. Are most victims in Europe male or female?

Correct answer: Female - 80% of victims identified in the EU between 2010-2012

Additional information – worldwide the figure is about 70-75% female and in the UK about half. However, human trafficking and exploitation can and does affect all kinds of people, men and women, adults and children.

#### Q5. Which of these are common forms of exploitation in the UK?

Multiple choice answers:

- A. Picking vegetables
- B. Tending cannabis plants
- C. Being a domestic servant – helping look after children & doing household chores
- D. Being forced to beg on the streets
- E. Prostitution
- F. Labouring for building work
- G. Nail bar manicurist
- H. Washing cars

Correct answer: All of them!

Additional information – other situation where trafficked people have been exploited in the UK include in the hospitality industry such as hotels and restaurants, people have been forced to shoplift and children are some times trafficked so that unrelated adults can claim welfare benefits.

#### Q6. What are the 10 most common nationalities for people trafficked in the UK?

Correct answer:

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| Albanian   | Eritrean | Sudanese |
| Nigerian   | British  | Indian   |
| Vietnamese | Chinese  |          |
| Romanian   | Polish   |          |

Additional information – people might be surprised that Britain is among the top 10. Human trafficking isn't just something that happens to people from other countries. More recently we have come to understand that teenagers have been targeted by gangs who groom them, then traffick and exploit them for commercial sex. There are also examples of vulnerable, often homeless, men being targeted for exploitative labour, suffering threats, violence, psychological control and made to live and work in appalling conditions with little or no pay, food or access to health care.



## Annex 2 – Personal stories

### Karolina's story

*I grew up in a small village in Albania, in a loving and supportive family. One summer I met a man called Stefan who told me I was very beautiful and that he loved me. After a few months he suggested that we go to Italy so that we could have a better life, a new life together. I loved Stefan and I trusted him, so I packed my things and we moved to Italy. But after a couple of months of being in Italy everything changed. One day Stefan gave me drugs so I didn't know what was happening. He hid me in the back of a lorry and brought me to the UK. When I woke up I was in a dirty room, with just a mattress on the floor. Stefan became very angry and spoke harshly to me. He wouldn't let me out of that horrible dirty room. Every day he would beat me with a belt and burn my skin with cigarettes. It was so painful. Stefan said that I had to make money for him. He would bring men to my room and force me to have sex with them. I had no one to help me.*

### Alexei's story

*I came to the UK from Lithuania to look for a job, but when I got here I found it very difficult to find any work. One day I met a man who offered me a job labouring on building sites and said he would give me somewhere to stay and everything would be ok. But he made me live in a shed with several other men. We had no electricity or water, no toilet or bathroom. The man I was working for took away my passport so then I couldn't leave. I got no pay for the work that I did, even though I worked hard for many, many hours every day. The boss told me I got no pay because I owed him money for rent and for food – but what I had was worse than animals get. When I complained about our conditions and asked for my money the man beat me.*



### Annex 3 – Talk notes

#### The priority of jubilee – Luke 4:18,19

*‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’*

Jesus’ sermon in the Nazareth synagogue summarises a large segment of His earthly ministry. In it He explains afresh the meaning of Jubilee and establishes that this is the work of the Messiah. Further, He reveals He is the one who will fulfil this messianic work.

What’s more, every work performed by Christians in binding up the broken hearted, releasing those who have been captives, is in Jesus’ name. These individuals may have been captive to traffickers, imprisoned in a brothel or some other place of illegal and dehumanising labour, enslaved by fear of violence to themselves and/or their families, or entrapped by their captors because of a dependent drug addiction.

We might also want to call ‘the year of the Lord’s favour’ ‘Messianic time’ - God’s purposes coming to fruition through the words of the Prophets coming to pass. It means hope for the liberty of prisoners, the hope of peace for those trapped in conflict, hope for us all in Jesus’ second coming. Whenever these things are taking place, ‘Messianic time’ or ‘the year of the Lord’s favour’ is at work. So playing a part in key processes to help those who are trafficked allows us to become engaged in the Messiah’s mission.

Human trafficking denies people their God-given dignity, personal opportunity, and hope. Slavery is not a problem of history but an urgent issue for today. Such an abhorrent act demands a response. The Church has a biblically mandated responsibility to care and seek justice for the most vulnerable in our society. It has been said by scholars that there is no evidence for Israel having put God’s ordinance of Jubilee into practice. Why shouldn’t the Church rectify this as the faith descendants of Abraham through Christ?



#### Annex 4 - Prayers of intercession

Almighty God, we intercede for millions of people living in slavery. Strengthen them in body, heart and spirit and raise up those who can rescue and help them. May many find true freedom through trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord, in Your mercy

(all) **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, please protect and provide individuals who are vulnerable to heartless traffickers planning to put them to work and exploit them – taken in by their deception or helpless to resist their coercion. We also think of families in deep poverty that agree in good faith to send away their children. Help them to realise the danger and say 'no'.

Lord, in Your mercy

(all) **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus our Saviour, thank You for the power of Your gospel to turn us from evil. We pray for those who make money at others' expense, who exploit, abuse, inflict violence and pain and fear on their victims. May their eyes be opened and their hearts changed by calling on You in repentance.

Lord, in Your mercy

(all) **Hear our prayer.**

Father, please grant wisdom and boldness to those in the UK Parliaments and Assemblies speaking up against trafficking. We thank You for the new legislation introduced in 2015 across the UK, and for Lord McColl's proposed new Private Members Bill to provide greater support for victims. May these laws help to achieve a greater number of prosecutions of perpetrators and help victims recover fully.

Lord, in Your mercy

(all) **Hear our prayer.**



Lord, equip and strengthen all police officers; that they would spot the signs of all kinds of trafficking. Lead Police Commanders, Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners to make investigating these crimes a priority. Grant them success!

Lord, in Your mercy

(all) **Hear our prayer.**

Father, we lift to You survivors of trafficking and modern slavery as they try to recover from their ordeals and rebuild their lives. We pray especially for children now in the care of local authorities to receive the support they need and be kept safe from the influence and reach of their traffickers and others who would harm them.

Lord, in Your mercy

(all) **Hear our prayer.**

Your Word says 'Defend the weak and fatherless; the cause of the poor and the oppressed'. May Your Church continue to work and pray for those who are being trafficked and abused. Grant us courage, wisdom, compassion and strength in the face of this challenge.

Lord, in Your mercy

(all) **Hear our prayer.**



## Annex 5 - Some suggested hymns and songs

You may know of other songs and hymns that reflect issues of justice, freedom, lament, and the values of love and compassion in God's Kingdom. Below are a few suggestions to consider. If you don't know any of them already, why not choose one to learn during the course of the service?

- **Build your kingdom here - Rend Collective** © 2011 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Integrity Music) CCLI Song Number 6186078
- **Christ's is the world in which we move - Graham Maule, John L. Bell** © 1989 WGRG, Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland, G2 3DH (Admin. by Wild Goose Resource Group) CCLI Song Number 4174611
- **For the healing of the nations - Fred Kaan** © Words: 1968 Stainer & Bell Ltd Music: Public Domain CCLI Song Number 4755573
- **God of justice - Tim Hughes** © 2004 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Integrity Music) CCLI Song Number 4447128
- **God of the poor (Beauty for brokenness) - Graham Kendrick** © 1993 Make Way Music CCLI Song Number 1236690
- **Hosanna (I see the King of Glory) - Brooke Ligertwood** © 2006 Hillsong Music Publishing (Admin. by HMTR Limited) CCLI Song Number 4785835
- **I, the Lord of sea and sky – Dan Schutte** © 1981 OCP
- **Kingdom Coming - Luke Hellebronth, Martin Smith et al** © 2013 Gloworks (Admin. by Integrity Music) Thankyou Music (Admin. by Integrity Music) CCLI Song Number 6531104
- **Let my people go (You stand for freedom) – Beth Redman et al** © 2013 SHOUT! Music Publishing (Admin. by HMTR Limited) Said And Done Music (Admin. by Integrity Music) sixsteps Music (Admin. by Integrity Music) Thankyou Music (Admin. by Integrity Music) worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Integrity Music) CCLI Song Number 7000699
- **Lord we long for you to move in power - Dave Bankhead, Ian Townend et al** © 1986 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Integrity Music) CCLI Song Number 189803
- **Lord you hear the cry (Lord have mercy) - Geraldine Latty** © 2011 RESOUNDworship.org (Admin. by The Jubilate Group) available for free at [http://www.resoundworship.org/song/lord\\_you\\_hear\\_the\\_cry\\_lord\\_have\\_mercy](http://www.resoundworship.org/song/lord_you_hear_the_cry_lord_have_mercy)
- **O Lord the clouds are gathering - Graham Kendrick** - © 1987 Make Way Music CCLI Song Number 30464
- **When our songs (Have mercy) - Matt Osgood** © Matt Osgood - RESOUNDworship.org (Admin. by The Jubilate Group) CCLI Song Number 5220519 available for free at [http://www.resoundworship.org/song/when\\_our\\_songs\\_have\\_mercy](http://www.resoundworship.org/song/when_our_songs_have_mercy)
- **You are a refuge (Arms) –Ben Atkins** © Ben Atkins / RESOUNDworship.org, (Admin. by The Jubilate Group) CCLI Song Number 6104665 available for free at [http://www.resoundworship.org/song/you\\_are\\_a\\_refuge\\_arms](http://www.resoundworship.org/song/you_are_a_refuge_arms)
- **You have shown us - Andy Park, Chris Tomlin et al** © 2008 GloWorks Limited for CompassionArt (Registered with the UK Charity Commission number 1124708) (Admin. by Compassionart) CCLI Song Number 5272914