

START FREEDOM SUNDAY:

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START FREEDOM SUNDAY

WHAT IS IT?

Celebrate Start Freedom Sunday on **17th February*** and every year on the first Sunday of Western Lent with churches and faith groups around the world.

Join us for a day of awareness and action on human trafficking. Start Freedom Sunday is bringing together the church community to show the world our compassion for those enslaved and our determination to end the buying and selling of people.

Let's stop human trafficking and let's start freedom.

*Of course if this date doesn't work for you then you may wish to choose another day such as: the Sunday closest to the International Day for Abolition of Slavery (2 December); Sundays during Fairtrade Fortnight (May); Anti-poverty Week (October) ...or any other Sunday or week which suits your community.

10 WAYS TO START FREEDOM SUNDAY

Start Freedom Sunday is a day or even a whole week to involve everyone in your church community. The many ways you can take part include; learning together in study groups, holding fundraisers, singing your heart out, and tucking into to tasty certified chocolate fondues all in the name of freedom! Use the Start Freedom Sunday resources to begin planning how you and your church community will take part.

www.stophetraffik.org/startfreedomSunday

**"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."**

LUKE 4:18,19 NIV



WE CAN BRING CHANGE

As the church we must demonstrate a united and tangible response against human trafficking. This abhorrent crime must not be tolerated.

START FREEDOM SUNDAY is an opportunity to share with our leaders, our congregation, neighbouring churches and the wider community that we are taking a stand.

GET STARTED

1. PLAN YOUR ACTIVITY

HAVE A THINK ABOUT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO START THE BALL ROLLING:

- **Who could be part of Start Freedom Sunday in your church-** the general congregation, home-groups, the youth, local community groups or neighbouring churches?
- **What activities would work best for your church-** do you have an active choir, could you arrange a film night, do you have a cafe which could have a Chocolate Fondue Party to Protest?
- **Where are you going to do your activity-** in the church, in the church hall or outside space, a community space such as a local shopping mall or transport hub?

2. GET OTHERS INVOLVED



WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO REACH PEOPLE TO TELL THEM ABOUT THE EVENT?

- Download and print the template **START FREEDOM SUNDAY Poster and START FREEDOM SUNDAY Flier**, add the information about your specific activities and make sure you put them up or hand them out well in advance!
- Post about your events on social media, add it to your Facebook page or start tweeting about it with the **#startfreedomssunday** hashtag

3. POST IT ON THE MAP

This is a great way to share with others what you are doing and spread the word about Start Freedom Sunday.

- Sign-up to STOP THE TRAFFIK at www.stophettraffik.org/signup
- Now you can add your church's events to the global map. It's simple to do and will mean every other church can see that your involved and supporting START FREEDOM SUNDAY. We want to start a united revolution against trafficking so sign-up and show your solidarity!

4. ENJOY THE DAY!

- START FREEDOM SUNDAY is about bringing churches together to reflect on God's heart for the marginalised, and how they can respond practically together against human trafficking.
- It's important to remember those who are or who have been enslaved; but also to make the day a celebration of what can be achieved if we work together to prevent it.

5. AFTER START FREEDOM SUNDAY

We'd love to hear about your START FREEDOM SUNDAY activities. Here's how you can contact us

Email us Tell us how it went: australia@stophettraffik.org info@stophettraffik.org	Map it Sign up and login to our website and post your event to the activists map! www.stophettraffik.org/map
Facebook Australia: stophettraffikaustralia Global & UK: stophettraffik	Twitter: #startfreedomssunday Australia: stophettraffika Global: stophettraffik UK: stophettraffikuk

10 WAYS TO START FREEDOM

1. START PRAYING

- The first thing you can do is pray! Praying for God's will to be done to abolish slavery is central to being part of the reality of abolishing slavery.
- Our Prayer resources include prayers for public worship, prayer stations and a prayer card to download.

www.stopthetraffik.org/startfreedomSunday/whatyoucando/46

2. START PREACHING

- A great way to observe START FREEDOM SUNDAY and engage your congregation in the issue of human trafficking is to talk about it. The first step towards prevention is awareness.
- Find the sermon outlines online to stimulate your sermon preparation.

www.stopthetraffik.org/startfreedomSunday/whatyoucando/51

'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.

3. START STUDYING

- Either on your own or in a group find out more about what the Bible has to say on modern slavery and your role in ending it.
- Have a look at the START FREEDOM SUNDAY Bible studies for just one evening or three.

www.stopthetraffik.org/campaign/startfreedomSunday/what-you-can-do/42



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4. START SINGING

- Trans-Atlantic slaves of the 19th century called freedom into reality through song, and you can too! Have a look at our suggested hymn list Together in Song.
- Check out the website as song writers will be uploading their songs of Freedom for you to share.
- Why not join-in the song writing with your youth group or a choir- song is a great mode of expression and allows people to have a personal response. Send us your songs and we'll upload them to the website.

5. START GIVING

- START FREEDOM SUNDAY is organised by a coalition of NGOs who rely on donations to continue their work to end human trafficking.
- Fundraise for STOP THE TRAFFIK as we work to build a community response to prevent human trafficking. Read our fundraising ideas here.
- Find out about the other NGO's involved and their projects you can support here:

www.stopthetraffik.org/campaign/startfreedomSunday

6. START BUYING

- Sadly violence and exploitation is a key ingredient in some of the products we buy regularly for our homes or churches. Get your church engaged in our campaign to end child trafficking in the cocoa industry.
- Download our guide and find out more here:

www.stopthetraffik.org/chocolate



10 WAYS TO START FREEDOM continued...

7. START WRITING

NAME ON A POSTCARD!

- Take action and join one of STOP THE TRAFFIK's campaigns asking companies to step-up and take responsibility to end human trafficking in the products they make and sell.
- Our postcard campaigns include campaigns to the chocolate industry, the cotton industry and to the government. Order your Postcards on line in the store resources section. Only \$15 for 100 cards and that is designed, printed, stored, packaged and delivered to you.
- Why not organise a letter writing day and provide refreshments or have a stand at church while everyone writes their name on a postcard.

8. START TEACHING



- Sadly children and young people are some of the most vulnerable to human trafficking. However, they can also be some of the most passionate campaigners.
- We have a number of different resources available to use with your church youth group or local school.

9. START EATING

- Get Dipping! Host a Chocolate Fondue Party to Protest at your church as a fun way to tell people about trafficking and the chocolate industry.
- All the resources and everything you need can be found here:

www.stophettraffik.org/fonduepatry

10. START WATCHING

Film can be a powerful medium and a brilliant way to tell people the shocking truth about human trafficking.

- Hold a film night; show a film about human trafficking and have a discussion afterwards
- Use one of our short films as part of a talk or session on human trafficking.

The Dark Side of Chocolate – A documentary about trafficking in the cocoa industry. You could watch the whole film or choose a specific clip to show as an introduction to the issue. You can find the film on YouTube here

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Vfbv6hNeng>

Short Clips– Check out a variety of viral videos on human trafficking, clips from news programmes on trafficking and more in our resource library or Youtube channel

www.stophettraffik.org/resource-libraries/8

<http://www.youtube.com/user/STOPTHETRAFFIKglobal>

GET MORE INVOLVED WITH STOP THE TRAFFIK

There are loads of other ways you and your church can continue to support STOP THE TRAFFIK and our work to end the buying and selling of people.

Check out www.stophettraffik.org or email:

General: info:stophettraffik.org

Australia: australia@stophettraffik.org

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF START FREEDOM SUNDAY!



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