



Statement of Faith Against Modern Slavery

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The Salvation Army Australia is deeply committed to ending modern slavery however it may be manifested. The Salvation Army stands together, united in one purpose, and with one voice to affirm that modern slavery must end.

Modern slavery is contrary to the principles of freedom and dignity, which are core to who we are.

The Salvation Army is opposed to the corrupt abuse of power against other human beings. We have a responsibility, both individually and collectively to work for the liberation of those who have been enslaved.

We believe all people are created in the image of God and are loved by Him (Genesis 1:26), no person is of less value or importance and therefore all should be treated with the same respect and the same love.

Every person has the right to freedom, every person should be respected and every human life should be held in high regard. The bible teaches that nobody should be exploited or damaged. Psalm 10 describes the wickedness of those who entrap others and the Psalmist calls on God to intervene. This Psalm is as relevant now as it was when it was written many years before the birth of Jesus.

Jesus taught that no one should live in physical or spiritual bondage He said, 'The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners, to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers, and to say, 'This is the year the Lord has chosen.'" (Luke 4: 18 - 19). He was quoting Isaiah 61: 1 - 2. Later in Isaiah 61 are these words, 'I, the Lord, love justice! But I hate robbery and injustice.' (v. 8).

We are called to rise up, to speak out and to act, to end modern slavery.

