

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Host a screening and discussion of the documentary *Not My Life*. Learn more at notmylife.org. Invite UNICEF USA to speak afterward! Email endtrafficking@unicefusa.org to arrange.
- Gather a study group to read and reflect on a book about human trafficking, such as *Girls Like Us*, by Rachel Lloyd.
- Urge your Congresspersons to support anti-trafficking legislation. To take action, visit unicefusa.org/mission/protect/trafficking/end.
- Educate yourself and your congregation. Offer the series “Unbind and Let Go” at your church during Epiphany or Lent.

BE THE HOPE

- Support and volunteer with organizations serving people at risk of being trafficked, or partner with organizations engaged in anti-trafficking work.
- Contact the Episcopal Diocese of New York Task Force Against Human Trafficking at adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org for assistance with finding organizations in the Diocese of New York.

SAVE THIS NUMBER IN YOUR CELL PHONE TO REPORT A POTENTIAL TRAFFICKING SITUATION — OR TO LEARN HOW TO GET HELP IF YOU HAVE BEEN TRAFFICKED.

1-888-3737-888

National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC)

TOLL-FREE 24/7

CONFIDENTIAL | INTERPRETERS AVAILABLE

NHTRC@POLARISPROJECT.ORG

OR TEXT THE HOTLINE AT “BEFREE”

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ALWAYS DIAL 911



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A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE
TO THE CRISIS OF
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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In John's Gospel, Jesus is called by his friends to the tomb of their brother, Lazarus. The scene is one of grief and hopelessness, until Jesus prays that God's glory might be revealed, calls Lazarus out, and says to his friends, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Unbind him, and let him go. This is how God has always restored to life those enslaved by death. It is the same command that calls us as Christians today to combat human trafficking, to pursue with compassion the restoration of victims, and to be agents of God's glorious, life-giving work in the world.

This resource introduces the crisis of human trafficking, offers tools for recognizing and responding to it in our community, and suggests a comprehensive Christian response to modern-day slavery.

UNBIND AND LET GO

"Unbind and Let Go" is a Christian education series developed for congregations by the Episcopal Diocese of New York Task Force Against Human Trafficking. The program blends Bible study and teaching about modern-day slavery with a focus on human trafficking in the U.S.

- Visit dioceseny.org/mission-and-outreach/human-trafficking to access this series.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

As defined by U.S. law, victims of human trafficking can be divided into 3 populations:

- Minors induced into commercial sex.
- Adults induced into commercial sex through force, fraud, or coercion.
- Minors and adults induced to perform labor or services through force, fraud, or coercion.

WHAT IS THE SCOPE?

- Human trafficking is the fastest-growing criminal industry in the world and one of the largest sources of illegal income (second only to drug trafficking).
- More than 20 million people are trafficked globally. One-third are children.

- 13 is the average age of recruitment into prostitution in the U.S.
- Nearly 18,000 foreign nationals are trafficked annually into the U.S. New York is a major hub.

WHO IS AT RISK?

Anyone can be trafficked regardless of class, education, gender, or age. Some people especially at risk for trafficking are:

- Homeless and runaway youth
- Children within the foster care system or with histories of abuse
- Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or social discrimination
- Migrant workers and indigenous people
- Refugees of war or environmental disaster

Visit traffickingresourcecenter.org for a comprehensive list of red flags. Signs of human trafficking include:

- Limited knowledge of whereabouts, restricted freedom to come and go as she/he wishes.
- Unpaid, underpaid, or paid only through tips; not in control of her/his own money.
- Minor (under 18 years old) engaged in commercial sex and/or in sexual situations beyond age-specific norms.