

# 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN

## Human trafficking is a form of violence



Join us for the 16 Days of action and reflection...

From 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the anniversary of the brutal assassination of Patria, Maria and Minerva Mirabal Reyes, three activists in the Dominican Republic in 1960, to 10 December, the day the world marks as International Human Rights Day

Human trafficking is an extreme form of violence against women and girls. Here we offer you a focus for each of the 16 days of activism. Gather with others and join us in lighting a candle and praying, reflecting or remembering:

**Nov 25:** International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Women and girls who make up the majority of people who have been trafficked in our world

**Nov 26:** Girls and young women facing the threat of a forced marriage in Australia and globally

**Nov 27:** Seasonal workers exploited in Australia's agricultural industries and those seeking redress

**Nov 28:** Women trafficked from Asia into forced labour and sexual exploitation in Australia

**Nov 29:** Women choosing to purchase clothes that have been made by people paid a living wage, from the cotton pickers to the sewers

**Nov 30:** Girls forced into labour from a young age and thus denied their right to education

**Dec 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: "Stay awake, you must be ready." (Mt24:37-44)**

Health workers seeking a better understanding of, and treatment for, patients who have been trafficked

**Dec 2:** Today we remember women and girls who advocate and uphold human rights and work to eradicate all forms of human trafficking

**Dec 3:** Women and young girls who are victims of pornography production

**Dec 4:** Women rebuilding their lives after being trafficked and deprived of their freedom

**Dec 5:** Young trafficked women willing to share their stories of exploitation and healing in order to offer hope to others

**Dec 6:** ACRATH women who offer companionship in Australia to 30 survivors of trafficking and their children

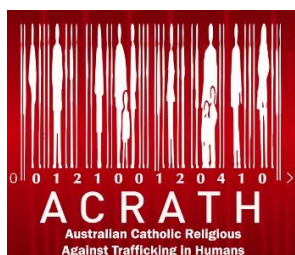
**Dec 7:** Young people advocating for the rights of children forced to work in the mining and textile industries or in the production of chocolate and cosmetics

**Dec 8: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent: "Prepare a way for the Lord." (MT3:1-12)**

Women leaders in politics, religion, education, civil society and healthcare working to eliminate all forms of human trafficking

**Dec 9:** Women and men who educate others in their homes, schools and the wider community to bring an end to the violence of human trafficking

**Dec 10: Human Rights Day.** Girls at risk of being trafficked after fleeing conflict or natural disasters in their countries



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People are NOT for sale

### SIMPLE ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE:

Buy only slavery-free products such as chocolate, tea, coffee and clothing

Ask your local coffee shop to stock only slavery-free coffee

Find out if the clothes you wear are slavery-free.

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