



'OPPOSING HUMAN TRAFFICKING GLOBALLY'

MIA Australian & PNG Ritual

Action List

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Resources

- ❖ **Clap sticks or drum**
- ❖ **Didgeridoo music**
- ❖ **PPT presentation**
- ❖ **Suggested Music: Schindler’s List / Women of Mercy / Send Down the fire of Your Justice**
- ❖ **Tibetan Bowl and gong**
- ❖ **Posters of PPT images**
- ❖ **Booklets for the congregation**
- ❖ **Incense and incense holder**
- ❖ **5 Large candles symbolic of each continent**
- ❖ **T Lights**

Required Personnel

- ❖ ***Leader***
- ❖ ***Readers***
- ❖ ***5 Candle Bearers***
- ❖ ***Person to operate PPT presentation***
- ❖ ***Person for ‘sounding’ the Tibetan bowl***
- ❖ ***Person to play the music: Didgeridoo / Schindler’s List / Women of Mercy / Send Down the Fire of Your Justice***

SLIDE ONE on screen as people gather!

Beginning

Didgeridoo Track 1 is played for about 40 seconds and as it fades out the clapsticks or drum begin.....

Introduction

Two Readers: An image will be displayed for each of the following:

Reader 1 *Slide 2*

We provide materials for your electronics

Reader 2 *Slide 3*

We pick cocoa beans for your chocolate

Reader 1 *Slide 4*

We dye fabric for your clothes

Reader 2 *Slide 5*

We make your garments in factories in squalid conditions.

Reader 1 *Slide 6*

We catch fish which arrives in your supermarkets

Reader 2 *Slide 7*

We work in your nail parlours.

Slide 8 (BLACK SLIDE)

Leader

27 million people across the globe are trafficked. Human trafficking is a major global injustice this century. The eradication of so great an evil is possible. The freedom of enslaved children, women and men is an imperative binding us all. The leadership of Pope Francis: *'I ask my brothers and sisters in faith and all men and women of good will for a decisive choice to combat trafficking in persons'* continues to be significant.

Procession of Lights

Soft music is played: Schindler's List Track 2 'Jewish Town'...During this time the candles of each continent of the world are carried and placed strategically. Music continues VERY VERY softly in background during the Call to Prayer until it is finished.

Call to Prayer

Leader

God of the suffering and afflicted let us hold these hopes in our hearts as we gather one in heart and spirit.....

The sacred story of Mercy, ours to share and re-vision....

The tender, gentle acceptance of another.....

The privilege and responsibility of our call to prayerful and compassionate service of the most fragile and vulnerable

All

May our meeting in Mercy teach us to love tenderly, act justly and walk humbly.

Stories of Survivors

PPT Images of people in real situations displayed, the dong goes then the reading begins with the image for each statement displayed throughout the reading:

Leader

Let us listen to the voices of survivors of human trafficking as they tell their stories.

Slide 9

Voice 1. Image +Tibetan bowl one dong!

I come from Bangladesh and was married at thirteen to my much older husband who brought me here to Kolkata and sold me to a brothel owner. In my first week I was raped many times and then had to service up to ten clients a day.

Slide 10

Voice 2. Image +Tibetan bowl one dong!

I come from Serbia and worked fourteen hours a day in a restaurant in London and lived in a basement. I did not speak English very well. It was difficult for me to escape because my boss was always watching. I had no money and did not know where to go.

Slide 11

Voice 3. Image +Tibetan bowl one dong!

I was a child taken from my family when I was eight and forced to work endless hours on a fishing boat on Lake Volta in Ghana. I did not know how to swim. I was one of four thousand children working on the lake.

Slide 12

Voice 4. Image + Tibetan bowl one dong!

I come from a middle class family. I was trafficked from a shopping mall in Chicago and taken to Atlantic City and forced to work as a prostitute.

Slide 13

Voice 5. Image +Tibetan bowl one dong!

I am a Dalit girl. I worked in a garment factory in Tamil Nadu. I became sick after working long hours in crowded conditions without any breaks. Breathing in cotton

dust affected my lungs. Because I did not work for the full three years I received little pay.

Slide 14

Voice 6. Image +Tibetan bowl one dong!

I come from Aleppo in Syria. Last year my family fled to Beirut. In order to help my family survive I sold one of my kidneys.

I was told that the kidney would grow back and there would not be any after effects.

My kidney was cut out from my front. I was not given any painkillers.

Slide 15

Voice 7. Image +Tibetan bowl one dong!

I came with some of my friends from Fiji to Sydney six months ago on a special visa to work in the construction industry.

We are only paid for two weeks out of four and work very long hours. We are accommodated in shipping containers.

Musical Interlude: As music is played from Schindler's List Track 8 'Auschwitz', images continue to be displayed on the screen

Slides 17 – the end then repeat if necessary...simply use reverse button and continue while the music is played .

Scripture Readings

Reader 3

Lamentations 5:1, 11, 13, 15

O God, remember what has happened to us;
Consider and see our degradation.

The young women in Zion have been raped,
the young girls in the town of Judah.

Youths have been put to the mill,
Boys stagger under loads of wood,

Joy has vanished from our hearts;
Our dancing has turned to mourning.

Zephaniah 3:17

Reader 4

*I your God take delight in you
And in my love give you new life.*

Pause for reflection

Leader

Our founder, Catherine McAuley, was very much concerned with the plight of women in her own times - in her life she witnessed the exploitation of women, including one young woman who was a victim of attempted rape. This woman fell through the cracks of the system and Catherine was haunted by never having seen her again after attempting to aid her. Refusing to be defeated, Catherine embraced the challenge to provide a sanctuary for the most vulnerable women of Dublin.

Touched by God's mercy and compassion and fired by the inspiration of the Gospel and Catherine McAuley, Sisters of Mercy collaborate with others who strive for justice to oppose all forms of human trafficking and exploitation. (MIA : 'Touched by God's Mercy')

Mercy Anthem

'Women of Mercy' is played! Track 1

Women of Mercy, Women of Hope

Women united in merciful love

Standing together one with the poor

Revealing to our world God's transforming love

(Incense is used ...one stick of incense is lit for each prayer)

Prayers of the Community

(Stick of incense is lit..... 1 gong on the Tibetan bowl as the incense stick is lit)

Reader 5

Like Jesus and all who empower and encourage those trafficked and enslaved may we 'draw persons to God by our words, by our example and by works of Mercy' (Catherine McAuley) and so we pray....

(Stick of incense is lit..... 1 gong on the Tibetan bowl as the incense stick is lit)

Reader 6

For the liberation and healing of millions of girls and women trapped in sexual slavery

We place ourselves at the service of those who cry out for mercy and justice

(Stick of incense is lit...1 gong on the Tibetan bowl as the incense stick is lit)

Reader 5

For child labourers, child soldiers and children exploited in pornography

We place ourselves at the service of those who cry out for mercy and justice

(Stick of incense is lit...1 gong on the Tibetan bowl as the incense stick is lit)

Reader 6

For all men, women and children, enslaved, betrayed and abandoned that they may not lose hope.

We place ourselves at the service of those who cry out for mercy and justice

(Stick of incense is lit...1 gong on the Tibetan bowl as the incense stick is lit)

Reader 5

For greater awareness of the need to make ethical choices about what we buy.

We place ourselves at the service of those who cry out for mercy and justice

(Stick of incense is lit...1 gong on the Tibetan bowl as the incense stick is lit)

Reader 6

For an end to conflict and corruption that fuels trafficking in places such as, Sudan, Nigeria, Uganda, Burma, Somalia, Syria.

We place ourselves at the service of those who cry out for mercy and justice

(Stick of incense is lit...1 gong on the Tibetan bowl as the incense stick is lit)

Reader 5

For the destruction of criminal networks that traffic human beings.

We place ourselves at the service of those who cry out for mercy and justice

(Stick of incense is lit...1 gong on the Tibetan bowl as the incense stick is lit)

Reader 6

For those who work with victims of trafficking.

We place ourselves at the service of those who cry out for mercy and justice

(Stick of incense is lit...1 gong on the Tibetan bowl as the incense stick is lit)

Reader 5

For all committed to working towards the eradication of human trafficking

We place ourselves at the service of those who cry out for mercy and justice

(Stick of incense is lit...1 gong on the Tibetan bowl as the incense stick is lit)

Reader 6

Liberating God we make these prayers through Jesus, your life and gift among us.

All Amen.

Recessional

Send Down the Fire of Your Justice
As One Voice CD 7 Track 164

***Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people,
and we shall be people of God.***

Call us to be your compassion,
Teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing,
Give us deeds that ring,
Make us ring with the song of your love.

Call us to learn of your mercy,
Teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel,
Give us hands that heal,
Make us walk in the way of your peace.

Call us to answer oppression,
Teach us the fire of your truth;
Give us righteous souls,
'Til your justice rolls,
make us burn with the fire of your truth.

Call us to witness your Kingdom,
Give us the presence of Christ;
May your holy light
Keep us shining bright,
Ever shine with the presence of Christ.

Composer: Marty Haugen (1989)

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