



RACISM and the AMSSND Commitments

Racism and Human Trafficking

Did You Know...?

- In the United States, it is estimated that [non-white persons account for nearly 85 percent of trafficking victims](#), though they comprise only [40 percent of the population](#).
- [Research shows](#) that “Indigenous women and girls comprise only 4% of the Canadian population, while the literature reports that they make up 30% to 70% of [trafficking] victims.”
- While everyone is a potential victim of human trafficking, risk is increased by socioeconomic factors such as poverty, housing insecurity, limited education, and exposure to violence and addiction.
 - These vulnerabilities describe communities of color in far greater numbers than white communities due in large part to systemic discrimination and historical trauma.
 - [Canada](#)
 - [United States](#)
 - Statistically speaking, as noted by [U.S. anti-trafficking organization Polaris](#), “The odds of people in trafficking situations being ‘in your backyard,’ actually depends a lot on the neighborhood ... and on the economic wellbeing of your neighbors.”
- Though racialized fantasies motivate a large percent of sex work and [sexual exploitation](#), white women (or their traffickers) are paid more for services than women of color.
- People of color who are victims of trafficking often receive [less media attention](#) than white victims and are [more likely to be treated as criminals](#) rather than victims.
- Migrant workers in the [United States](#) and [Canada](#) experience high levels of trafficking, their risk exacerbated by discriminatory immigration policies.

To learn more and take action...

- [In Canada](#)
- [In the United States](#)

For Reflection...

Excuse me, can you help me?
I'm lost
Point me in the direction of the abyss
Where all the little black girls have gone

Where have they taken them?
Tell me where they're hiding
The dark strange fruit
Fruit bore from the forbidden tree
Dripping with bloody tears & sweaty sorrow
Can you tell me where they've gone?

Ring the alarm, sound the sirens, amber alert
Or do you only have memorized directions
To the oasis where the faces
Who make America great again
Reside.

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Prayer

Creator God,

You have made every person in your image. Help us to see the beauty and dignity of each of our brothers and sisters, especially those who are victims or survivors of human trafficking.

Jesus Christ—Savior and Redeemer,

You came to bring freedom to the captives and to heal the brokenhearted. Liberate us, we pray, from the racial prejudices that have burrowed into our psyches, so that we can carry out your mission in our own place and time.

Holy Spirit—Advocate,

Move our hearts with compassion and conviction to work for justice and freedom for all people.

In the name of the Blessed Trinity,
Amen.