

PRAY THE NEWS

Modern slavery remains a significant global issue which Aotearoa New Zealand is not immune from.



The New Zealand Government has recently dismantled a leadership group created to guide modern slavery legislation.

This is a step backward for New Zealand in taking action meaningful action against modern slavery, which many New Zealanders are more connected to than they think. In 2022, New Zealand imported \$7.9 billion worth of products at high risk of being made with slavery,

Households spent an average of \$77 per week on such products. An estimated 8000 people are in forced labour situations, particularly in labour-intensive industries. Pacific migrants are at a significantly higher risk of forced labour.

TODAY, WE PRAY THE NEWS FOR MODERN SLAVERY:

- We pray for the New Zealand government to prioritise and commit to progressing modern slavery legislation
- We pray for the 8,000 individuals in New Zealand and the millions globally who are trapped in modern slavery. May they find freedom, healing, and hope.
- We pray for increased awareness and understanding among the New Zealand public and businesses about the realities of modern slavery