

Pray

'How can I get involved? Where do I start?'

The prospect of engaging in social justice action can feel daunting, and the scale of injustice is overwhelming at times. But each one of us can pray to identify a need and to affirm our response. In a quiet and private space, or gathered with friends, make your prayer:

Holy and Just God,

Move me to love well. To hold space for the pain of others, to offer compassion, to embody your goodness, to offer hope and healing.

Show me my place and my purpose in this fight for justice for women and girls around the globe, and help me be faithful to fulfil it. *Amen.*

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*'Learn to do good.
Seek justice.
Help the oppressed.'*

(Isaiah 1:17 NLT)

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF
WORLD-CHANGING WOMEN:



Salvation Army Women



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*We are sounding a
Battle Cry
for women and girls!*



WE ARE STRIVING TO CHANGE THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER and, in God's name, we believe we can. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be salt and light in our communities, bringing hope and healing to broken places. We see an Army of women – of all ages – rising to the challenge, engaged in social justice and action to positively impact the world!

How it started...

Back in 1884, there was a great imagining stirring in the mind and heart of Florence Booth. As a resident of London's East End, where thousands were living in desperate conditions, she witnessed many women and families struggling to cope with disease, exploitation, unfair labour and poverty. Something had to be done.

And so, The Salvation Army's Women's Social Work was born! Then, in 1907, The Home League sprang out of new insights into how she could serve the women of her generation.

Florence Booth saw a need and she responded to it! Her bold, innovative, faith-in-action approach continues to inspire Salvation Army women today.



...How it's going!

'When we look at ministry to women in The Salvation Army, we expect nothing less than to find faithful women creatively responding with counter-cultural grace to the needs of those around them.'

COMMISSIONER BRONWYN BUCKINGHAM
World President of Women's Ministries

More than 130 years later, Salvation Army women are still seeking to change the world for the better! As disciples, we are called to go into the world and express the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed. Our 'battle cry' is raised in love for God and love for others. We believe that women are often uniquely placed to respond to social injustice. Collectively, we possess a deep understanding of countless contexts and communities, as well as the special ability to recognise and comfort those in need. We want to see a Salvation Army that equips and empowers its women to go and do something beautiful about injustice.

The best part? Everyone has a role to play – no matter how big or small the concern, no matter how formal or informal the action. Your justice-seeking heart may see you crossing borders, but living justly is as much – if not more – about using your energy and influence for positive impact on a local level.

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How to participate

How does it look to practise just living?

There are thousands of creative, resourceful and innovative examples of social justice response across The Salvation Army. *Be inspired!*

In the USA, Lucy* is combatting period poverty (lack of access to safe and hygienic menstrual products) and needless material waste by partnering community hubs with local stores who need to offload their excess stock of feminine hygiene products.

To tackle gender-based violence *in Bangladesh*, Nahida* hosts a children's club that provides engaging lessons on consent, bodily autonomy and personal health to vulnerable young people living in informally housed communities. For the boys, a 'positive masculinity' class is presented.

Salvation Army women are caring for people at every age and in each stage of life. From advocating for widows *in Kenya* to encouraging first-time mums in a newborn support group *in the UK*, we are committed to enriching the lives of all people in all places.

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Scan to learn about the women making a positive impact in their small corner of the world.

