

WHY DO YOU ACCEPT CHILD LABOUR?



THE ILO'S WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOUR CONVENTION STATES THAT EACH MEMBER THAT RATIFIES MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE & EFFECTIVE ACTION TO SECURE THE PROHIBITION & ELIMINATION OF THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOUR

CHILD LABOUR IS EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN THROUGH ANY FORM OF WORK THAT DEPRIVES CHILDREN OF CHILDHOOD & IS DAMAGING!

187
OF THE 195 SOVEREIGN NATIONS HAVE SIGNED THE ILO'S CONVENTION

OF THESE CHILDREN WORK IN HAZARDOUS OR DEGRADING JOBS

YET

1 IN 10 CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD ARE VICTIMS OF CHILD LABOUR
1 IN 4 IN POORER COUNTRIES

81%
OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION LIVE IN COUNTRIES WITH A HIGH OR EXTREME RISK OF CHILD LABOUR

48%



GOODS AND THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN WHICH CHILD LABOUR IS USED TO PRODUCE THEM

ACTION POINTS:

1. RESEARCH BEFORE YOU BUY, ENSURE NO CHILDREN WERE INVOLVED IN THE MAKING OF YOUR PRODUCT.
2. INVEST IN WELL-MADE PRODUCTS TO AVOID HAVING TO REPLACE THEM.
3. THE UN NEEDS TO AMEND ITS LEGISLATION TO REMOVE GREY AREAS FROM ITS POLICIES, SUCH AS DEFINING WHAT IS LEGALLY "LIGHT WORK" AND PERMISSIBLE FOR CHILDREN.

MANY CHILDREN IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY FACE HORRIFIC ABUSE FROM EMPLOYERS, LEADING MANY TO DEVELOP TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDERS ALONG WITH RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS, NEUROLOGICAL SYMPTOMS, SKIN DISEASES AND EXHAUSTION. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE BECAUSE THERE ARE NO PROTOCOLS IN PLACE TO **PROTECT** THEM!



Dear Lord,

Grant us the conscientiousness to understand the costs of our lifestyle on others less fortunate than us. Embody your message of justice for all into us so that we may seek to end child labour in our lives and spread the message to others.

We seek equality throughout all working environments, so that all can afford to live as family in the world that you created. We call on the holy spirit to gift strength and hope for all affected by the horrors of child labor, and we pray that the United Nations grant their efforts into resolving this crisis of injustice.

We pray that the companies employing children to make their products adopt an ethical approach in accordance with your teachings.

Venerable Mary Ward, pray for us.

Amen

“Do good and do it well”. Mary Ward