Many of these prayer activities focus on hands, and the potential of hands to bless or curse. Those who are trapped in modern slavery in car washes must use their hands to wash cars, exposing their skin to water, heat, cold, and dangerous chemicals in the cleaning fluid. They may be beaten by the hands of those who control them. They are unable to put up their hands and declare their suffering – who would see their distress signal?

Throughout the Bible we see an alternative to suffering, instead we see blessing through the hands of Bible characters. As Jesus lays his hands on people, the blind see, the lame walk, and the dead come to life. Through the Safe Car Wash app, and The Clewer Initiative’s other work, we are asking the church to use their hands to help those who are suffering, and to reach out a hand to those in government and law enforcement who are working against modern slavery, and work in partnership with them to end it.

You could use these activities with a group, or set up prayer stations around your worship space for people to go through in their own time.

CIRCLE PRAYER

Hold hands in a circle of people. Take it in turns to pray, either out loud or silently, for those who are caught in modern slavery in the hand car wash industry. Close with one person reading Isaiah 65:17-25 and a prayer that the vision spelled out in that passage would become reality.

CUT OUT HANDS

Give everyone a piece of paper, a pen, and a pair of scissors, and ask them to draw round both of their hands and then cut out the shapes.

On one hand ask them to write a prayer for those trapped in modern slavery.

On the other hand ask them to write a pledge of one action they will take to help end modern slavery in the world. It could be downloading the Safe Car Wash app, checking whether the brands they buy are ethical, or giving to an organisation working against modern slavery.

Stick the hands in a circle on a big piece of paper to display in the church. Alternatively you could arrange them in the shape of ‘End Slavery’ or a key.

FIVE FINGER PRAYER ACTIVITY

This activity uses our hands to remind ourselves to pray for the different groups affected by modern slavery. Each digit represents a different prayer. For this activity you will need non-toxic pens that will write well on skin (such as felt tips). Create a couple of example hands made out of paper to give out so people know which digit corresponds to which prompt.

Give everybody a pen, then ask them to write the following prompts on each of their fingers and thumb:

**Thumb:** Victims & survivors
**Index finger:** Charities
**Middle finger:** The church
**Ring Finger:** The perpetrators
**Little Finger:** Me

Instruct them to pray through the prompts on their hands, praying for each of the groups as they feel led.