

# Reflection & Prayer to End Human Trafficking

January 11 – February 8, 2021



St. Josephine Bakhita was born in southern Sudan in 1869. As a young girl, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. She was treated brutally by her captors as she was sold and resold. She did not remember her name; Bakhita, which means “fortunate one,” was the name given to her by her kidnappers.

## Daily Prayer

God of hope and peace, touch our hearts and energize our ongoing efforts in abolishing human trafficking, a heinous crime against humanity, so that every victim is freed and every survivor’s life renewed. You blessed St. Josephine Bakhita of Sudan with compassion for others. May her prayers comfort and strengthen the women, men, and children who are in search of freedom.

(Say appropriate daily prayer below)

We ask for transformation of heart for those who inflict pain, anguish and grief on our vulnerable sisters and brothers. Give us generosity to stand in solidarity with others so that together we heal the hearts and lives of all Your people. *Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.*



<b>Jan. 11</b> Nat'l Human Trafficking Awareness Day We pray for the 40 million victims of labor and sex trafficking around the world.		<b>12</b> We pray for those who provide trafficking survivors services and support amid the COVID-19 pandemic.	<b>13</b> We pray for trafficking victims trapped in exploitative labor or sex situations dealing with life and death situations.	<b>14</b> We pray for day laborers who are hired to work, then are denied their day's pay and threatened when they complain.
<b>15</b> We pray for healthcare providers, educators, advocates, and others who identify and support survivors.	<b>16</b> We pray for women and children trapped in India's commercial sex industry forced to endure ongoing abuse.	<b>17</b> We pray for victims working in dangerous conditions and living in inhumane situations provided by their employers.	<b>18</b> We pray for the young woman who is excited about a job offer that appears too good to be true.	<b>19</b> We pray for the young adults who run away from foster care and are coerced into sex trafficking.
<b>20</b> We pray for desperate migrants at risk of becoming victims of predatory labor tactics in this harsh economy.	<b>21</b> We pray for children and young adults isolated from peers and mentors who are vulnerable to online predators.	<b>22</b> We pray for domestic workers who are working under abusive conditions during the COVID-19 lockdown.	<b>23</b> We pray for the victims who are trafficked by their spouses, romantic partners, parents or other family members.	<b>24</b> We pray for the women seeking protection from their abusers who are turned away due to COVID-19 regulations in shelters.
<b>25</b> We pray for those working in programs to help survivors to overcome trauma due to trafficking.	<b>26</b> We pray for girls in rural Africa and Asia who must drop out of school and are at risk of being forced into marriage.	<b>27</b> We pray for victims of forced labor working under hazardous conditions exposing them to COVID-19.	<b>28</b> We pray for Asian & Pacific Islander women facing higher risk of domestic violence and sexual assault amid the pandemic.	<b>29</b> We pray for women of color who face social and economic inequity and a higher risk of trafficking and exploitation.
<b>30</b> We pray for migrant men who live and work in isolated conditions and are forbidden to interact with other coworkers.	<b>31</b> We pray for agriculture workers who are victims of labor trafficking and in danger of contracting COVID-19.	<b>Feb. 1</b> We pray for the youth befriended by another young adult paid to recruit him as the next victim.	<b>2</b> We pray for survivors who promote awareness to save others from becoming enslaved in trafficking schemes.	<b>3</b> We pray for the young woman who appears to be monitored by the person next to her when interacting with others on the street.
<b>4</b> We pray for trafficking victims who suffer lack of	<b>5</b> We pray for children who are targets of online	<b>6</b> We pray for Native women victimized by crime and domestic	<b>7 Super Bowl Sunday</b> We pray for the officials working	<b>8 Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita</b> We pray for the young