

ROSARY
for
Victims, Survivors, and Perpetrators
of
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

St. Josephine Bakhita
Slave to Sister to Saint
She never gave up



St. Edward the Confessor
Intercessors of St. Josephine Bakhita



We pray this rosary for all victims, survivors, and perpetrators of human trafficking, through the intercession of Mary Most Holy and Saint Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of victims of human trafficking.

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

(Together)

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

O Saint Bakhita assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery. Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free. Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us. Amen.

<http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/index.cfm>

(Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father Who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

For an increase of Faith,

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

For an increase of Hope,

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

For an increase of Charity,

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

1st Sorrowful Mystery The Agony in the Garden

Spiritual Fruit: Sorrow for Sin

On finding His friends asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus reproached them saying, "Could you not watch one hour with Me?"



We are called to remain awake to the suffering of the millions of our sisters and brothers who have been trafficked for sex and labor throughout the world, including in our own country, state, and local community. When people are treated as commodities to be bought and sold as mere objects for profit or the pleasure of others, the entire Body of Christ suffers.

We offer this decade, through the intercession of Mary Most Holy and St. Josephine Bakhita,
for increased awareness and education concerning human trafficking.

And so, we pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

1. For ourselves, as individuals and as a community, that we take responsibility to learn the signs of trafficking hidden in our midst, and how to safely and effectively respond to anything suspicious,

Hail Mary, ...

2. For the media and others who work to raise awareness of human trafficking, that they will accurately portray true and forceful representations of the suffering of victims,

Hail Mary, ...

3. For those looking for ways to help in the fight against trafficking, that they will be open to guidance by the Holy Spirit in how to be responsible stewards of their time, treasure, and talent,

Hail Mary, ...

4. For law enforcement, to be granted the wisdom to recognize situations of forced labor and sexual slavery,

Hail Mary, ...

5. For parents to remain vigilant by installing electronic filters and alerts on the internet and all social media platforms, to protect their children from pornography, cyberbullying, depression, and online predators,

Hail Mary, ...

6. For parents to maintain a strong network with other parents to keep their children safe online, at school, shopping centers, concerts, sporting events, playgrounds, or anywhere people gather,

Hail Mary, ...

7. For parents who feel uncomfortable educating their children about healthy boundaries, and are unaware that predators are currently stalking their sons and daughters on social media,

Hail Mary, ...

8. For city wide prayer movements to be held in every city in the United States for victims, survivors, and perpetrators of human trafficking,

Hail Mary, ...

9. For anyone reluctant to make others feel uneasy by spreading the word about trafficking in our community,

Hail Mary, ...

10. For school and healthcare personnel who have missed opportunities to appropriately intervene in a trafficking situation because they did not recognize the signs,

Hail Mary, ...

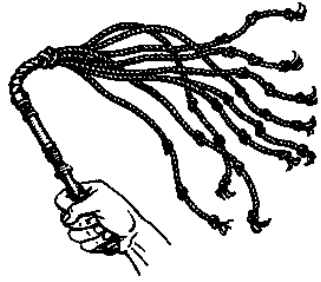
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

2nd Sorrowful Mystery The Scourging at the Pillar

Spiritual Fruit: Purity

Christ was chained to a pillar leaving His body vulnerable to be scourged with leather whips which tore His sacred flesh until He was covered in stinging, open wounds. Traffickers take advantage of victims' vulnerability, innocence, and desperation through means of physical, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse. How will we stand up to protect the vulnerable in our community, those who are desperate to have their afflictions seen?



We offer this decade, through the intercession of Mary Most Holy and St. Josephine Bakhita,
for the conversion and repentance of both intentional and unintentional perpetrators of human trafficking.

And so, we pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

1. For weaknesses in the world's justice systems which allow the scourge of sex and labor trafficking to flourish,

Hail Mary, ...

2. For buyers and sellers who disregard the suffering of others to experience repentance and conversion of heart that will lead them to Christ's mercy and forgiveness,

Hail Mary, ...

3. For the boys lured into gangs out of desperation, who then become heavily involved in illegal drugs, guns, and human trafficking,

Hail Mary, ...

4. For the girls who become so entrenched in the world of sex trafficking as a means of survival that they help the traffickers locate or groom other victims,

Hail Mary, ...

5. For our own tolerance and acceptance of a hypersexualized culture, which perpetuates a disregard for the sacredness of human sexuality,

Hail Mary, ...

6. For government officials who through greed or fear have failed to protect those under their care,

Hail Mary, ...

7. For abortion facilities which enable traffickers to maintain control over their victims and revenue that otherwise would be lost during pregnancy,

Hail Mary, ...

8. For industries which easily hide labor trafficking within legitimate businesses,

Hail Mary, ...

9. For those who are afraid to notify the authorities when they witness potential trafficking situations,

Hail Mary, ...

10. For traffickers who profit financially by selling pornographic images and videos of sexually exploited victims, and the consumers who do not regard the fate of the people in the images,

Hail Mary, ...

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3rd Sorrowful Mystery **The Crowning with Thorns**

Spiritual Fruit: Courage

Mocking the true reign of Christ our King, torturers shoved a crown of thorns into the torn flesh of our Savior's scalp. Traffickers mock their victims and inflict constant humiliation to degrade them into submission. We pray for the more than 40 million people worldwide who have been trapped, tricked, or kidnapped into sex or labor trafficking, especially those who are living in the shadows of our community.



We offer this decade, through the intercession of Mary Most Holy and St. Josephine Bakhita,
for victims of human trafficking.

And so, we pray:

***Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven.***

*Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from
evil. Amen.*

1. For those who are labor trafficked in Louisiana and are too afraid to reach out for help, especially in agriculture, traveling sales crews, construction, restaurant, hospitality, cleaning services, and in the arts and entertainment industries,

Hail Mary, ...

2. For victims who are required to bring their trafficker a minimum amount of money from doing unthinkable things or else face serious consequences for themselves or their families,

Hail Mary, ...

3. For children who have lost their innocence to their parents, family members, or authority figures who had the responsibility to protect them, but instead sold the children for profit,

Hail Mary, ...

4. For victims who suffer from untreated cigarette burns, contusions, fractures, complications from unsafe abortions, oral health problems, sexually transmitted infections, and suicidal thoughts,

Hail Mary, ...

5. For young girls and women who are sold at truck stops, strip clubs, fake massage parlors, and exploited through pornography,

Hail Mary, ...

6. For young boys and men who are sexually exploited and suffer too much humiliation and fear to reach out to anyone for help,

Hail Mary, ...

7. For victims who are abducted at parks, sporting events, concerts, and festivals,

Hail Mary, ...

8. For victims who have forcibly had organs removed for traffickers to sell to the highest bidder,

Hail Mary, ...

9. For the teen who runs away from an abusive home life and risks putting him or herself in danger of getting picked up by a trafficker,

Hail Mary, ...

10. For the bullied school children who are desperate to accept the appearance of love from anyone and become prime targets for grooming by sex traffickers,

Hail Mary, ...

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

4th Sorrowful Mystery **The Carrying of the Cross**

Spiritual Fruit:
Patient Bearing of Trials



Scourged, beaten, and bleeding profusely, Jesus fell three times under the weight of the cross on the road to Calvary. Each time, He found a way to stand up again to continue His tortuous walk toward the death that brings us life and immortality. We pray that we may be modern day Simons and Veronicas by helping those who struggle to carry the heavy cross of human trafficking. May they be gently led to safety and experience comfort, solace hope, and healing.

We offer this decade, through the intercession of Mary Most Holy and St. Josephine Bakhita,
for the survivors of human trafficking.

And so, we pray:

***Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven.***

***Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from
evil. Amen.***

1. For survivors to be accompanied by supportive friends, family, and professionals on the long and difficult journey to reconstruct their lives emotionally, physically, financially, legally, and spiritually,

Hail Mary, ...

2. For an increased number of safe houses and social service providers, that they will be protected from a lack of funding and resources,

Hail Mary, ...

3. For the local and universal Church to fight for and accompany both domestic and foreign national survivors of trafficking,

Hail Mary, ...

4. For survivors who suffer with depression, suicidal tendencies, flashbacks and PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder),

Hail Mary, ...

5. For survivors who ache to be understood and authentically loved, that they can entrust themselves to God and be comforted knowing that He infinitely loves them deeply and personally, and that there's nothing they can do about it to make Him love them more or less,

Hail Mary, ...

6. For a spirit of cooperation among service providers to unify efforts to help provide adequate support for survivors,

Hail Mary, ...

7. For the perseverance of survivors after rescue or escape to experience the healing balm of forgiveness for their traffickers and all who enabled their trafficking circumstances,

Hail Mary, ...

8. For vulnerable survivors to be given legitimate assistance to relieve their vulnerabilities,

Hail Mary, ...

9. For survivors to receive the help needed to overcome fear of harm, stigma or shame, unfamiliarity with systems designed to provide assistance, distrust of authority figures, and prior negative experiences when attempting to disclose trafficking experiences,

Hail Mary, ...

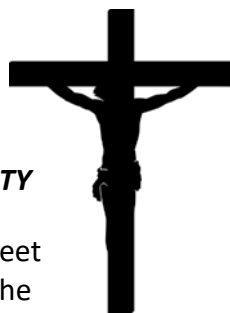
10. For the grieving families who must survive the loss of their children to traffickers,

Hail Mary, ...

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

5th Sorrowful Mystery The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus



Spiritual Fruit:

Perseverance in protecting HUMAN DIGNITY

After hours of searing pain, the hands and feet of Jesus were nailed to the rough wood of the cross and His side was pierced with a lance. Faithfully staying at His side throughout His passion and death, His Blessed Mother's heart was pierced with sorrow. We were granted the exalted dignity of having been made in the image and likeness of God. When trafficking victims are denied their basic human rights and dignity as they are forced, tricked, or coerced into sex or labor trafficking, the heart of Jesus is wounded again, and Mary's heart is pierced again.

We offer this decade, through the intercession of Mary Most Holy and St. Josephine Bakhita,
**for an increased respect and protection for the dignity of all of God's children,
especially those affected by human trafficking.**

And so, we pray:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

1. For victims and survivors of human trafficking, that the humiliation they have endured may be replaced with a renewed sense of dignity and self-worth,

Hail Mary, ...

2. For survivors to attain dignified work and life stability,

Hail Mary, ...

3. For our Holy Father, that he may inspire our bishops, priests and deacons to protect the dignity of trafficking victims and survivors by boldly leading our Church in providing much needed resources for restoration and healing,

Hail Mary, ...

4. For all government leaders, that they will support legislation that protects the dignity of populations vulnerable to human trafficking,

Hail Mary, ...

5. For parents to teach their children by example to respect the dignity of all life, from conception until death, especially the most weak and vulnerable,

Hail Mary, ...

6. For service providers, advocates, and volunteers who dedicate themselves to aid victims and survivors of human trafficking, that they will recognize the face of Jesus in each battered and broken person they help,

Hail Mary, ...

7. For law enforcement, that a respect for human dignity motivates them to protect trafficking victims and to hold perpetrators accountable,

Hail Mary, ...

8. For all Christians, that they will be given insight and wisdom to act in their local communities to find creative, sustainable ways to support victims and survivors,

Hail Mary, ...

9. For the men, women and children who will be sold today for the first time, that they can remember their worth is infinite in the eyes of God and is not dependent upon a value decided by others,

Hail Mary, ...

10. For the end to all forms of human trafficking, and the healing and restoration of all those who have been harmed by this modern-day slavery,

Hail Mary, ...

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Concluding Prayers

(Together)

Hail Holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us O Holy Mother of God,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, our liberator from every bondage, mercifully hear the prayers which we have poured out at the foot of Your Most Holy Cross. Through the intercession of Mary Most Holy and St Josephine Bakhita, we entrust to You our prayers for increased awareness and education concerning human trafficking, the conversion and repentance of both intentional and unintentional perpetrators, the total freedom and healing of victims and survivors, and for an increased respect and protection for the dignity of all of God's children, especially those affected by human trafficking.

Give us the courage we need to follow You to and through the Cross by developing a deep compassion for the suffering of our sisters and brothers, and to personally do what we can to relieve their suffering in a way most pleasing to You. May we grow in gratitude for our own freedom and the riches we enjoy.
Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

(1869-1947)

People

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St. Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan in 1869 and enslaved as a child. Bakhita was not the name she received from her parents at birth. The fright and the terrible experiences she went through made her forget the name she was given by her parents. Bakhita, which means “fortunate”, was the name given to her by her kidnappers.

Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she was later brought to freedom through the help of the Conossian Daughters of Charity. Through their guidance, she learned about God and served Him faithfully as a religious sister for 50 years. Her humility, her simplicity and her constant smile won the hearts of

all the citizens. Her sisters in the community esteemed her for her inalterable sweet nature, her exquisite goodness and her deep desire to make the Lord known.

She died in 1947 after a long and painful illness, during which she cried out to the Lord: "Please loosen the chains... they are so heavy!" Her last words were: "Our Lady! Our Lady!", and her final smile testified to her encounter with the Mother of the Lord. She was canonized In October 2000 by Pope John Paul II, at which point he noted that "in St. Josephine Bakhita we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation. The history of her life inspires not passive acceptance, but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence, and to return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights." (St. Bakhita's Canonization Mass, October 1, 2000)

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