

# Prayer with Daily Reflections to End Modern Human Slavery

**January 11<sup>th</sup> - February 8<sup>th</sup> 2024**

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

Holy Spirit reach deep into my heart, instill in me the gifts of Wisdom, Knowledge and Fortitude in my desire to serve you by doing what I can to help abolish this scourge of modern human slavery a most egregious sin against humanity. I pray that every victim be freed and every survivor be healed. I seek the intercession of blessed St. Josephine Bakhita of Sudan whom you blessed with compassion for others. May her prayers comfort and strengthen me in this my resolve and provide relief and healing for the women, men, and children enslaved in this scourge who long for their freedom.

**(Say appropriate daily prayer from below)**

I pray for the transformation and the conversion of heart for those who see other human beings as property to be used as a matter of profit, possession or pleasure inflicting ineffable pain and grief on the most vulnerable amongst us. Sow in me the filial love to stand untied at the foot of the cross with others to be agents of change in the world so that together we can be the voice of the voiceless.

I ask this through Christ Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and God the Father, One God, forever and ever. Amen



<p><b>Jan. 11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day</b> Let us pray that we may be open to the needs of those who are enslaved and work to end modern human slavery.</p>		<p><b>12</b> We Pray for those who work tirelessly to eliminate human trafficking and provide safe spaces to survivors</p>	<p><b>13</b> We pray for those professionals who witness the impact of abuse and coercion which torments survivors endlessly</p>	<p><b>14</b> We pray for the children survivors of sexual abuse, may they be given the love and support to heal body and soul</p>
<p><b>15</b> We pray that our we become more compassionate and understanding to people who have been exploited for the love of money</p>	<p><b>16</b> We pray that our elected officials in every branch of government recognize the evils of human trafficking and work to abolish it</p>	<p><b>17</b> We pray for the vulnerable children in the foster care system targeted by the pimps who lure them into sex trafficking</p>	<p><b>18</b> We pray for the consolation of the families whose children are missing and being abused</p>	<p><b>19</b> We pray for the exploited migrant and refugee women and children who live in constant danger of sexual violence</p>
<p><b>20</b> We pray for the victims of forced labor especially for those who produce the branded products we use</p>	<p><b>21</b> We pray for those abused victims who contemplate or attempt suicide</p>	<p><b>22</b> We pray for the courage to call the hot line when we suspect a person is enslaved</p>	<p><b>23</b> We pray for men and women who fall victim to the predator transitional organ trafficker</p>	<p><b>24</b> We pray for the people who fall victim to organized crime and smuggler traffic rings</p>
<p><b>25</b> We pray for the healing of those who suffered trauma due to the violence inflicted by their enslavement</p>	<p><b>26</b> We pray for all those who toil in the fields, garment workers, cooks and landscapers who will not be paid this week</p>	<p><b>27</b> We pray for our church, its leaders and laity to fight against modern human slavery</p>	<p><b>28</b> We pray that policy makers enact stronger laws to protect children and young adults from the exploitation of pornography</p>	<p><b>29</b> We pray for those around the world who have had their passports stolen and are forced to work without pay</p>
<p><b>30</b> We pray for those harmed by their primary care takers, friends, relatives and strangers who share violent or sexually explicit images</p>	<p><b>31</b> We pray for those victims of child and forced marriages in violation of their basic God given human rights</p>	<p><b>Feb. 1</b> We pray for the victims of family abuse leaving them vulnerable to be profiled by a trafficker</p>	<p><b>2</b> We pray for the victims of criminal exploitation coreced into smuggling and other crimes against society</p>	<p><b>3</b> We pray for those who feel helpless, abandoned, and desperate. Who are hiding and forced into domestic servitude</p>
<p><b>4</b> We pray for the police officers, judges, public defenders and Community leaders who work to make our community safe</p>	<p><b>5</b> We pray for all those who are sexually confuses and abused who are particularly vulnerable to being profiled by traffickers</p>	<p><b>6</b> We pray for those young victims of cyber bullying, peer violence, and violent content which incites self harm</p>	<p><b>7</b> We pray to put an end to modern day slavery through education, advocacy, and to empower survivors</p>	<p><b>8 Feast of Saint Bakhita</b> We pray that all people respect life and the dignity of every person</p>