

## **I. COMMON PRAYER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

*(for praying before Mass/ before Liturgy of the Hours or some other suitable time)*

Heavenly Father and fount of Life and Love,  
throughout the history of salvation,  
you had led your people into Liberty  
and you continue to draw us towards your Light.

In the darkness of today's world,  
countless women and girls, men and boys  
are subjected to the sinful inhumanity  
and suffering of Slavery in our 21st Century.  
With one voice, we resoundingly say no to human trafficking.

We remember, in particular, the millions of children in our region  
who are trafficked for illegal adoptions, begging, forced marriages,  
sexual exploitation, and child labor in sometimes dangerous situations.  
and who are denied their rights to life, to love, and to freedom.

Be with these children and all victims of human trafficking,  
who are isolated, abused and exploited  
in cities, in factories, on plantations, at sea, at home and on-line.  
Help every person to remember that they are just children, not slaves.

Be with all survivors of human trafficking  
who struggle through the darkness of self-blame and fear  
on slow and painful road towards healing and restoration.  
Help them to experience the consolation of being held close to your heart.

Be with all who are responsible for and who profit from human trafficking  
and lead all towards a true and lasting repentance.  
Help your people everywhere to hold every life as sacred,  
and to understand that you value every human person as a gift.

Lord of Light, fill us with the flame of Faith, Hope and Love of your Holy Spirit.

We make our prayer through our Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **II. LITANY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

*(May be included immediately after the above Common Prayer Against Human Trafficking)*

Mary our Mother and St Joseph, Protector of the Church.

**Pray for us.**

St Josephine Bakhita, patron of all victims of human trafficking.

**Pray for us.**

Sts Germaine and Maria Goretti, patrons of abused children.

**Pray for us.**

Sts Nicholas and John Bosco, patrons of the young.

**Pray for us.**

Archangels, Guardian Angels and all Saints and Angels of God.

**Pray for us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

**Have mercy on us.**

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**Grant us your Peace.**

## **III. GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

*(for inclusion with the Prayer of the Faithful)*

God of hope and peace, you blessed St Josephine Bakhita of Sudan with mercy and resilience - touch our hearts and energise our efforts against modern-day slavery so that every victim is freed and every survivor's life is restored to fullness. We pray to the Lord.

God of healing and compassion, we ask for transformation of heart for all who inflict pain, anguish and grief on their brothers and sisters - give them compassion, generosity and courage to stand in solidarity with others, so that together we heal the hearts and lives of all your people.

We pray to the Lord.