

*a Rosary against Human Trafficking*

*The Sorrowful Mysteries of  
The Body of Christ*



First Sorrowful Mystery

## **THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN**

*Trafficking of Daughters and Sons of God*

As he prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus sees the suffering of all his sisters and brothers with whom he will unite himself.

All over the world, millions of our sisters or brothers are treated as objects, as commodities to be bought and sold for money or the pleasure of others. When this happens, the entire Body of Christ suffers. In the Gospel, Jesus commands us to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked and to set free the prisoners.

On finding his friends asleep when he returned, Jesus reproached them saying, “Could you not watch one hour with me?”

We are called to awaken to realities around us, to be aware of the suffering of our many sisters and brothers who have been trafficked. So we pray:

Our Father ....

Hail Mary .... (10 times)

Glory Be ....

O GOD,

words fail us

when we hear of men, women and children  
deceived, transported to unknown places,  
forced into prostitution  
or other forms of labour,  
to profit other people.

Surround all victims of trafficking  
with Your tender love and care,  
protect and deliver them, O God.

Give us the courage and the wisdom  
to stand in solidarity with them,  
so that together we will find  
ways to the freedom  
that is your gift to all of us.  
Amen.

(adapted from a prayer by G. Cassini.)

The Second Sorrowful Mystery

## **THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR**

*Trafficking for Labour*

Christ is chained to a pillar and flogged until his entire body is covered with deep wounds.

When our sisters and brothers are denied their basic human rights and freedom, when their dignity is insulted as they are abused, tortured and forced into slavery, it is Jesus the Suffering Servant who is scourged again and again.

We remember that Jesus says, “Whatever you do to the least of these, you do it to me.”

We must speak out and act if we see any person being abused or kept in slave-like conditions, and we must pray constantly for a better world:

Our Father ....

Hail Mary .... (10 times)

Glory Be ....

LORD,

you teach us that you came  
so that we might have life  
and that we might live to the full.

You ask us for our hands  
that you might use them for your Kingdom.

You ask us for our mouths  
to speak out against injustice.

You ask us for our eyes  
to see the pain of poverty.

You ask us for our lives  
that your Spirit might work through us.

Help people everywhere to understand  
the meaning of your birth into our world, and  
teach us to take seriously  
the meaning of your cross and resurrection.  
Amen.

The Third Sorrowful Mystery

## **THE CROWNING WITH THORNS**

*Trafficking in Children*

In the Praetorium, God the Son is mocked, spat upon and crowned with thorns.

Many children are trafficked and exploited. They are robbed of their childhood and prevented from living according to God's plan. This is a terrible sin that should never take place and that can never be accepted.

For as Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me ... for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven" and he condemns those who harm or hurt them.

We are called to protect the innocent, especially the little ones, and so we pray:

Our Father ....

Hail Mary .... (10 times)

Glory Be ....

ALMIGHTY GOD,  
Father and Creator,  
we pray for the more than 20 million people  
who have been tricked, trapped, sold or kid-  
napped  
into slavery.

We pray especially for the children  
who are transported and forced  
into a wretched life of slavery  
in our own country.

Help us to find the courage  
to put an end to these practices  
so that all children  
may enjoy the freedom and rights  
that are due to them  
as your beloved children,  
and friends of your Son,  
our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

(adapted from Franciscan International prayer to end  
trafficking)

The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery

## **THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS**

*Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation*

His body battered and bruised from torture, Jesus carried the cross along the road to Calvary. He meets his mother on the way, and the hearts of the Mother and the Son are filled with agony at what he must endure to save us all.

When a person is trafficked and sexually exploited, systematically and repeatedly, God's gift is abused and defiled. Every woman, man and child trafficked is our mother, father, sister, brother, daughter and son in pain and anguish.

We remember what Jesus says to the women of Jerusalem, "Weep not for me, but for yourselves and for your children."

Let us weep for our sisters and brothers who have been trafficked. Let us choose to live with integrity by doing our part to build a world where love and peace prevail. So we pray:

Our Father ....

Hail Mary .... (10 times)

Glory Be ....

LORD JESUS CHRIST,

you came to restore your broken people to  
dignity

and to show us the way to healing and whole-  
ness.

We pray for the countless victims of sex traf-  
ficking,

for their rescue and restoration.

May they be led to safety,

and experience comfort, solace and hope.

May our own hearts may be moved  
and our lives transformed.

May our minds be enlightened

and our desire for righteousness be enkindled.

May we be faithful to your call

to build a world of Love and Peace.

Amen.

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery

## **THE CRUCIFIXION**

*Trafficking in Organs*

On Golgotha, the hands and feet of Jesus are nailed to a cross, and his side is pierced with a lance.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, God united himself with humanity. When we treat a people as objects, when people are sold, blackmailed, tricked, kidnapped or killed for their body parts, we desecrate the human person who is always a temple of God's Spirit.

On the Cross, Jesus says, "Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother."

It is one thing to have lawful organ donations but it is a sin when the organs come from a person who is trafficked, and possibly killed, for them. So we pray:

Our Father ....

Hail Mary .... (10 times)

Glory Be ....

ALMIGHTY AND LOVING GOD,  
you created all people in your image  
and you have joined yourself with our human  
family.

Lead us to become individuals of deep compas-  
sion  
as we remember and reflect  
on the suffering and affliction  
of our trafficked sisters and brothers.

As we place before you today their pain and  
anguish.

We ask that you help each of us  
to grow in compassion and gratitude  
for our own freedom and for the riches we  
enjoy.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

LET US STRIVE TOGETHER TO PUT AN  
END TO SLAVERY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

**Be informed!** Educate yourself about trafficking of people for their organs by reading about it. Read, download and distribute the CRMS anti-human trafficking brochures, and watch the videos on <http://franciscans.sg/crms/>

**Raise awareness!** Tell your friends, family, colleagues, and acquaintances about the issue, and about our website materials and Rosary Against Human Trafficking.

**Get involved!** Be a responsible consumer. Find out where the food and products you buy are made. Buy fair trade products. Don't buy products made in sweatshops. Don't buy pirated products e.g. DVDs, CDs, fashion items, as crime syndicates use these businesses to launder the money from their trafficking business.

**Speak up!** If you suspect that someone has been trafficked, report it.

**Pray!** Remember in prayer the victims and perpetrators of Human Trafficking, and pray also for those who work for their deliverance and for an end to Slavery in the 21st Century.

# HELPLINES

## Malaysia

**Pusat Kebajikan Good Shepherd**

016 3112667

**Tenaganita**

012 335 0512

**National Trafficking Hotline: 999**

## Singapore

**Transient Works Count Too (TWC2)**

1800 888 1515

**Humanitarian Organisation for Migration  
Economics (HOME)**

1800-7-977-977 (toll free) (10 am to 6 pm)

**Domestic workers: 6341 5525**

**Other migrant workers: 6341 5535**

**Police hotline: 999**



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<http://saynohumantrafficking.info>

