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**Pope Francis has declared 8 February 2017 to be the world day of prayer, reflection and action against human trafficking.** He chose this day because it is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and victims of slavery. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold into slavery in the Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister. The United Nations estimates that today one in every three victims of trafficking is a child.

This week join ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference on this day of prayer, reflection and action. Find out more about the campaign at <http://acrath.org.au/world-day-of-prayer/>

