

# Canossian Sister Josephine Bakhita

Pope Francis has declared the feast of St Josephine Bakhita on February 8 to be the world day of prayer, reflection and action against human trafficking.

Josephine Bakhita knew the sorrow of losing her freedom and family as a young girl when she was taken as a slave. The UN estimates that one in every three victims of trafficking is a child.

ACRATH has developed prayers of the faithful, homily notes and other resources for the weekend Masses on 11 & 12 February 2017.

Find ACRATH's Bakhita Day resources at:  
<http://acrath.org.au/world-day-of-prayer/>



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## *St Josephine Bakhita*

Born in 1869 in Sudan, Josephine was 7 years old when taken by slave traders. She was bought and sold many times in the following decade. Taken to Italy by a family, who 'owned' her, to Italy she met the Canossian Daughters of Charity, became a Catholic and joined the Canossian congregation. She died in 1947 and was canonised in 2000.

### Actions

**Learn** about human trafficking

**Pray** for victims of trafficking and for an end to slavery

**Demand** slavery-free products that feature one of these logos

