

Suggested Intercessions: 4 February 2018 & St Josephine Bakhita's Feast 8 February 2018

Presider: As we honour the memory of St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of trafficked people, let us pray that God's freedom and justice will come for all.

1. We pray for Pope Francis who describes human trafficking as a scourge and whose strong leadership calls for an end to all forms of exploitation and human trafficking.
God of life, hear us.

Response: God of life hear our prayer.

2. We pray for civic and religious leaders, that they will speak out against human trafficking, and dedicate time, energy and resources to eradicating it.
God of life hear us.

Response: God of life hear our prayer.

3. We pray for the men and women trapped in bonded labour in fields, market gardens, mines and factories, that they will be respected as human beings rather than reduced to commodities and tools of production.
God of life, hear us.

Response: God of life hear our prayer.

4. We pray for an end to all discrimination, but especially discrimination against women and girls who are estimated to make up 80% of trafficked victims, so that all may live with dignity and respect.
God of life, hear us.

Response: God of life hear our prayer.

5. We pray that wealthy countries such as our own may be generous in supporting impoverished nations so that all people have a decent standard of living and escape the desperate circumstances that make them vulnerable to human trafficking.
God of life, hear us.

Response: God of life hear our prayer.

6. We pray that our demand for cheap goods and services will be reduced so that workers' conditions and payment will reflect the dignity of their persons and their work.
God of life, hear us

Response: God of life hear our prayer.

7. We pray for who died recently and for all who have died as a result of exploitation or being subjected to slave-like conditions.
God of life, hear us.

Response: God of life hear our prayer.