

# The Reality of Human Trafficking

## Modern Day Slavery

“You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know.”  
-William Wilberforce

### THE FACTS



1 in 7 "runaway" children are believed to be sex trafficking victims



14.2 million people are trapped in forced labor industries including agriculture, construction, domestic work and manufacturing.

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“They let me know what would become of me if I told anyone...There was nothing I could do to protect myself. At 14-years-old. I didn't know where to begin.”

*An American girl sold by a friend's father and trafficked for sex in Florida*

“My wife and I were forced to do agricultural and construction...Our small children were abused and forced to do household chores. We lived in a garage...food was locked up and we were not allowed to eat without permission.”

*A man who moved with his family from Latin America*

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Ask your church's social concerns group to consider hosting a speaker or workshop
2. Ask your workplace, church, or school to support fairtrade products
3. Share what you know about human trafficking with someone new in your community
4. Offer to be a support person in your neighborhood or volunteer for a school or classroom project on trafficking of persons

**Report a tip**

**888-3737-888**

**National Human  
Trafficking Hotline**

# Reflection & Prayer

January 11th – February 8th, 2015

SISTERS  
OF ST. JOSEPH  
OF ORANGE+

St. Josephine Bakhita was born in southern Sudan in 1869. As a young girl, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. She was treated brutally by her captors as she was sold and resold. She did not remember her name; Bakhita, which means “fortunate one,” was the name given to her by her kidnappers.

## Daily Prayer to End Human Trafficking

### Prayer to Saint Josephine Bakhita

God of goodness and mercy, rewarder of the humble, you blessed St. Josephine Bakhita of Sudan with charity and patience. May her prayers help us, and her example inspire us to carry our cross and to love you always. *(Say appropriate daily prayer)*

Pour upon us the spirit of wisdom and love with which you filled St. Josephine Bakhita, by serving you as she did, may we please you by our faith and our actions. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, Forever and ever. Amen.



<b>11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day</b> Today we pray for the exploited children, enslaved women, and betrayed men in bondage in our midst.		<b>12</b> We pray for the young men enslaved in the garment industry.	<b>13</b> We pray for the men who teach their sons to be respectful of women.	<b>14</b> We pray for the woman who has just been sold today.
<b>15</b> We pray for abducted children forced to become child soldiers.	<b>16</b> We pray for the conversion of hearts of traffickers.	<b>17</b> We pray for the teenage runaways who are sexually exploited.	<b>18</b> We pray for the children exploited through pornography.	<b>19</b> We pray for those enslaved in agricultural fields, mines and factories.
<b>20</b> We pray for the young girls enslaved in sex trafficking at truck stops.	<b>21</b> We pray for the victims' strength and resilience.	<b>22</b> We pray for the women enslaved in fake massage parlors.	<b>23</b> We pray for the women and girls who are exploited in strip clubs.	<b>24</b> We pray for the men who protect abused women.
<b>25</b> We pray for the children enslaved in the cotton industry.	<b>26</b> We pray for the young girls forced in into domestic servitude.	<b>27</b> We pray for the men exploited in construction work.	<b>28</b> We pray for children sexually abused by their abductors.	<b>29</b> We pray for the parents of the missing children.
<b>30</b> We pray for the girls who are lured to leave their families.	<b>31</b> We pray for the survivors trying to begin a new life.	<b>1</b> We pray for the women and children who will be sold today, Super Bowl Sunday.	<b>2</b> We pray for the mother who has no idea where her daughter is.	<b>3</b> We pray for the enslaved restaurant workers in our community.
<b>4</b> We pray for the school children who are being bullied.	<b>5</b> We pray for the young man who respects women and girls.	<b>6</b> We pray for the men who are sexually exploited and are afraid to tell.	<b>7</b> We pray for those advocating to end human trafficking.	<b>8 Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita</b> We pray for the safe return of girls abducted in Nigeria.