



USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services
Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking
(on the Feast Day of Saint Josephine Bakhita)
February 8, 2014 – 12:10PM
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Crypt Church

Celebrant

**Attentive to the needs of others,
let us now present our petitions to God and ask Him
to help each of us in our daily lives.**

Lector

That the Church may be courageous and persistent in her fight against human trafficking and all forms of injustice toward the human person, let us pray to the Lord...

That world leaders and all people of good will may work together to end the scourge of human trafficking and restore the dignity and rights of those who are oppressed by this modern-day slavery, let us pray to the Lord...

For those who are victims of human trafficking, that through the assistance of others they will know they are a child of God and be strengthened as members of the human family, let us pray to the Lord...

Celebrant

**God of hope and freedom,
inspire and strengthen us in our work
to loosen the chains of human trafficking in our world,
so that like St. Josephine Bakhita,
we may stand firm in our resolve
to create a slave-free world.**

Through Christ our Lord. (Amen.)