

NOVENA & PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ESPECIALLY FOR BOYS, GIRLS & ADOLESCENTS

The Catholic Church in England and Wales observes the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, 8th February, as a Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking and for those who work to combat it



ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

**“THEY ARE JUST
CHILDREN! NOT
SLAVES!”**

The Cenacle of Missionary Prayer Group that meets every Thursday with Sr. Natalia at the Comboni Spirituality Centre asks the Parish to join them in the praying of a Novena from the 30th January each day leading up to a prayer vigil on the 8th February in Our Lady of Grace and St. Edward between 7:30 – 9:00pm which all parishioners are encouraged to join.

**VIGIL PRAYER – 7:30 – 9:00 PM
8TH FEBRUARY, 2017
AT OUR LADY OF GRACE & ST. EDWARD**

NOVENA PRAYERS LEADING UP TO THE VIGIL

January 30th, 2017 – Novena 1:

“Stand up and walk” Mark 2:2

Dear Lord, Your Word calls us to hunger and thirst for righteousness, that leads to compassion and renewal of ourselves. Lead us to a faith that works to make a better world for all Your children. Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

January 31st, 2017 – Novena 2:

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

Mathew 11:28

Dear Lord, help us to speak out against crimes against children. Prod us to act whenever we suspect that a child is in danger. Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

February 1st, 2017 – Novena 3:

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?” Isaiah 58:6

Dear Lord, You see the children who work long hours with little to eat. You know that they are tired and more likely to get hurt. Please keep them from harm. Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

February 2nd, 2017 – Novena 4:

“Repent then and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out” Acts 3:19

Dear Lord we pray for governments to enforce laws regarding child labour, and freedom for children put to work against their will. Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

February 3rd, 2017 – Novena 5:

“And when you stand praying, if you have a grievance against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you the wrongs you have done” Mark 11:25

Dear Lord, too many abominable forms of slavery persist in today’s world: human trafficking, trade in migrants and prostitutes, exploitation, slave labour, and the enslavement of women and children (Pope Francis) – help us not to be indifferent to the suffering of these victims. Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

February 4th, 2017 – Novena 6:

“But Jesus called the children to him and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them: for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs’ Luke 18:16

Dear Lord, help us give our children a future of peace. Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

February 5th, 2017 – Novena 7:

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me” Matthew 25:25-26

Dear Lord, slavery is a terrible open wound on the contemporary social body, a fatal running sore on the flesh of Christ! (Pope Francis) – help us act to stop it. Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

February 6th, 2017 – Novena 8:

“When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt.” Leviticus 19:33-34

Dear Lord, our purpose is to build a civilization based on the equal dignity of every person without discrimination (Pope Francis) – help us to respect those around us. Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...

February 7th, 2017 – Novena 9:

“Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” Genesis 4:9

Dear Lord, trafficking in Human persons is a crime against humanity (Pope Francis) – help us eradicate it from this world. Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...