"Human trafficking is a modernday form of slavery exploiting human being through force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation or forced labor. Some people are trafficked for prostitution, pornography, and other forms of sexual exploitation. Some are trafficked for forced labor in agriculture, sweat shops, and domestic servitude. Some people are exploited both for sex and labor. Through sexual slavery, the body becomes little more than an object to be exploited. For victims of forced labor, the body is made into a disposable machine, made to work long hours for little or no pay and for the profit of others. In both cases, the person who is enslaved is treated as an object for another's benefit. The person's God-given human dignity is either ignored or forgotten. Our intention for today's Rosary is for those who are victims of human trafficking, that they may find freedom and dignity." -USCCB

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING
VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS
FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 8





Loving Father,

We seek your divine protection for all who are exploited and enslaved.

For those forced into labor, trafficked into sexual slavery, and denied freedom.

We beseech you to release them from their chains.

Grant them protection, safety, and empowerment.

Restore their dignity and provide them a new beginning.

Show us how we might end exploitation by addressing its causes.

Help us reach out in support of victims and survivors of human trafficking.

Make us instruments of your spirit for

their liberation.

For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen - USCCB - World Day of Peace 2015

ROSARY TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING





HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

These prayers correspond to the Cross and the Beads before the first decade.

- 1. As we begin all prayer, we sign ourselves with Sign of the Cross.
- 2. Recite the Apostles Creed.
- 3. Recite the Our Father.
- 4. Say three Hail Marys (one each for faith, hope and love).
- 5. Say the Glory be to the Father.
- 6. First Decade:
- Our Father,
- 10 Hail Marys and
- Glory be to the Father.

Repeat the steps for the first decade as you go through the next 4 decades of the Rosary. After each decade, say the Fatima Prayer

First Sorrowful Mystery- The Agony in the Garden

Scripture: Mark 14: 34-42:

Reflection:

Petition: For our neighbors,

coworkers, friends, fellow Christians, and all people, that they may increase their awareness of the problem of human trafficking and become a voice in the public square calling for its abolition.

Second Sorrowful Mystery- The Scourging at the Pillar

Scripture: John 19:1

Reflection

Petition: For policy makers in our nation, that God grant them the wisdom to enact laws that provide greater protection for victims and survivors of human trafficking.

Third Sorrowful Mystery- The Crowning with Thorns

Scripture: Mark 15: 17-20

Reflection

Petition: For an end to human

trafficking, that the dignity of all God's

children will be protected.

Fourth Sorrowful Mystery- The Carrying of the Cross

Scripture: Luke 23: 26-32

Reflection

Petition: For social service providers, that God will grant them the strength and continued commitment to help survivors of human trafficking and support them on their path to wholeness.

Fifth Sorrowful Mystery- The Crucifixion

Scripture: Mark 15: 33-38

Reflection

Petition: For perpetrators of human trafficking, that they find repentance and conversion through the cross of Christ and turn to God for forgiveness. For those trapped in the web of trafficking, that God will help to liberate them. For our youth, that they might be protected from the dangers of trafficking. We pray to the Lord.