

## *Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita*

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery  
as a child  
and endured untold hardship and suffering.  
Once liberated from your physical enslavement,  
you found true redemption in your encounter with  
Christ and his Church.

O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a  
state of slavery;  
Intercede with God on their behalf  
so that they will be released from their chains  
of captivity.  
Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.

Provide comfort to survivors of slavery  
and let them look to you as an example of hope  
and faith.  
Help all survivors find healing from their wounds.  
We ask for your prayers and intercessions for  
those enslaved among us.

Amen.

## *Oración a Santa Josefina Bakhita*

Santa Josefina Bakhita, cuando niña, fuiste vendida  
como esclava  
y tuviste que pasar indecibles dificultades y  
sufrimiento.  
Una vez liberada de tu esclavitud física,  
hallaste la verdadera redención en tu encuentro  
con Cristo y su Iglesia.

Oh, Santa Bakhita, ayuda a todos aquellos que  
están atrapados en la esclavitud;  
en nombre de ellos, intercede ante Dios  
para que sean liberados de las cadenas de  
su cautiverio.  
Que Dios libere a todo aquel que ha sido  
esclavizado por el hombre.

Bríndales alivio a los que sobreviven la esclavitud  
y permite que ellos te vean como modelo de fe  
y esperanza.  
Ayuda a todos los sobrevivientes para que  
encuentren la sanación de sus heridas.  
Te suplicamos orar e interceder por los que se  
encuentran esclavizados entre nosotros.

Amén.



## *St. Josephine Bakhita*

was born in Sudan in 1869 and enslaved as a child. Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she was later brought to freedom through the help of the Canossian Daughters of Charity. Through their guidance, she learned about God and served him faithfully until her death in 1947. In October 2000, Josephine Bakhita was canonized by Pope John Paul II, at which point he noted that “in St. Josephine Bakhita we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation. The history of her life inspires not passive acceptance but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence, and to return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights” (St. Bakhita’s Canonization Mass, October 1, 2000).

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