



# BECOME *a* SHEPHERD

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION.  
PROTECT, HELP, EMPOWER AND, RESTORE DIGNITY

## *Suggested Intercessions for the Prayer of the Faithful*

*Please choose some of the following to be included among the intercessions in your parish during the February 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Prayer against Human Trafficking*

### **The pope, bishops, and Catholic faithful**

For Pope Francis, that our Heavenly Father may gift him with deep wisdom as he calls the Church to struggle against the evil of human trafficking, we pray to the Lord,

For our bishop (*name here*), that he may be encouraged by our prayers and support to lead God's people in building a culture that respects human dignity, we pray to the Lord,

For the bishops, that they continue to be leaders in the fight against modern day slavery, both domestically and abroad, we pray to the Lord,

For the bishops, that they continue to make the fight against human trafficking a priority on the national and state level, we pray to the Lord

For our priests and deacons, that they may boldly proclaim Church teaching on human dignity and the Church's teaching on human trafficking, we pray to the Lord,

For our religious brother and sisters, that God inspire them with the continued commitment to fight the evil of human trafficking, we pray to the Lord,

For all Catholics, that God inspire them to take action in their local communities to support and protect survivors of human trafficking, we pray to the Lord,

### **For Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking**

For everyone who is trapped in a situation of slavery, that God will help to liberate them from their chains, we pray to the Lord,

For an end to human trafficking, that the dignity of all of God's children will be protected, we pray to the Lord.

For those caught up in a situation of slavery, that their perpetrators be brought to justice and that they might find a path to healing, we pray to the Lord,

For survivors of slavery, that God guide them to a path down which they might find wholeness and peace, we pray to the Lord,

For survivors of human trafficking, that they might find the support they need to start a new life, we pray to the Lord,

### **Government Officials**

For the President of the United States, and government leaders: that they continue to work tirelessly to end the bane of slavery that continues to exist in our communities, we pray to the Lord,

For the President of the United States and government leaders: that Jesus, the Son of God, will help them understand the great dignity of human persons, and support legislation that better protects vulnerable populations in our midst, we pray to the Lord,

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, we pray to the Lord,

### **Additional intercessions**

For law enforcement, that God grant them the wisdom to recognize situations of forced labor and sexual slavery, while working to protect its victims and punish its perpetrators, we pray to the Lord,

For the media, that they will make awareness raising of the problem of human trafficking a priority, we pray to the Lord,

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, we pray to the Lord,

For perpetrators of slavery, that they repent of their evil ways and turn to God for forgiveness, we pray to the Lord,

For our neighbors, coworkers, friends, fellow Christians, and all people, that they may increase in their awareness of the problem of human trafficking and become a voice in the public square calling for its abolition, we pray to the Lord,

