



Answering the Church's Call to End Human Trafficking

Prayerful Responses to Human Trafficking

Include this Prayer of the Faithful among your Sunday petitions:

We pray for the thousands of people—many of them children—who are trafficked within their own countries or moved across borders and forced into lives of slavery each year. We pray to the Lord ...

We pray that we may work to end human trafficking in the United States and overseas by creating tougher laws and improving economic conditions that make people vulnerable to trafficking. We pray to the Lord ...

Read this reflection on trafficking in religious education classes, parish meetings and faith gatherings. Invite alternate sides of the gathering to read the stanzas or assign a reader to each section.

Oh God, we didn't see them.
But you did --

The hundreds and thousands of human beings
Trafficked each year to join the millions who are trapped in modern-day slavery.

Under terrible conditions, they work in factories, plough fields, harvest crops, work quarries,
fill brothels, clean homes, and haul water.

Many are children with tiny fingers for weaving rugs
and small shoulders for bearing rifles.

Their labor is forced, their bodies beaten, their faces hidden
from those who don't really want to see them.

But you see them all, God of the poor.

You hear their cry and you answer by
opening our eyes, and breaking our hearts
and loosening our tongues to insist:

No mas. No more.



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