



CHRIST THE KING PARISH WETHERSFIELD



On July 30th we celebrated
WORLD DAY against TRAFFICKING in PERSONS

and prayed the sorrowful mysteries* for the victims, survivors, and perpetrators of human trafficking.

Constant prayer is necessary. During the month of August, we invite you to pray the following intentions along with your daily prayers. Whenever possible, pray with someone else. In the book of Matthew, Jesus said "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

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.

That we, the Body of Christ, may strive to defeat the forces that enslave women, men, and children in the commercial sex and labor industry.

That victims of trafficking may find hope and courage in God's compassionate love for them.

That survivors of trafficking may receive loving restorative care as they heal and reclaim their God-given dignity.

That the hearts of those who enslave others in trafficking may be transformed by God's love and mercy.

That communities may reach out to homeless youth at risk to being trafficked and provide them with food, shelter, and education.

For social service providers, that God may grant them strength and continued commitment to assist and support survivors on their path to wholeness.

That people may become aware of and equipped to recognize the signs of trafficking and, when they see it, to report it to the national hotline number (below).

That God may give law enforcement officers wisdom and sensitivity in dealing with victims of trafficking.

That parents may be well informed about the ways in which traffickers ensnare their victims, and maintain an open environment of communication in their homes.

"I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY."

John 10:10

National Human Trafficking Hotline - 1-888-373-7888

The Office for Social Justice Ministry - <http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/>

The Underground - <https://www.theundergroundct.org/>

Love146 - <https://love146.org/>

*See reverse side for the sorrowful mysteries for human trafficking.

Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary Human Trafficking Intentions

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES for VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, and PERPETRATORS of HUMAN TRAFFICKING

1st Sorrowful Mystery - AGONY in the GARDEN

As Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, He sees the suffering of all those with whom He will unite Himself. He asks us to awaken to the suffering of our many sisters and brothers who have been trafficked for sex and for labor, including many children in our own country, state, and even our city.

2nd Sorrowful Mystery - The SCOURGING at the PILLAR

Christ is chained to a pillar and flogged until his entire body is covered with deep wounds.

When the dignity our sisters and brothers is insulted in sex or labor trafficking, it is Jesus the Suffering Servant who is scourged again and again.

3rd Sorrowful Mystery - THE CROWNING with THORNS

In the Praetorium, Jesus is mocked, spat upon and crowned with thorns.

Perpetrators of human trafficking mock and spit upon the gift of human dignity given to each and every person, including themselves.

4th Sorrowful Mystery - The CARRYING of the CROSS

With His body battered and bruised from torture, Jesus carried the cross along the road to Calvary.

When a person is trafficked and exploited, systematically and repeatedly, their body AND spirit become abused and defiled.

5th Sorrowful Mystery - The CRUCIFIXION

On Golgotha, the hands and feet of Jesus are nailed to a cross, and His side is pierced with a lance.

Unlike morally acceptable, lawful organ donations, it is a sin when body parts are taken from victims who are trafficked, and possibly killed in the process.

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“Together we can and must employ our energies so that these women, men and children can be freed, thus putting an end to this horrible trade...” Pope Francis, Dec. 12, 2013