

EIGHTH DAY:

Dear St Josephine, in your last painful illness you relived your slavery, begging the nurse to loosen your chains. We pray for all those who are weighed down by pain, and we ask that we too may enter the sufferings of our lives in faith and knowledge that God has not abandoned us. We pray especially for **(add your intention)**.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

NINTH DAY:

Dear St Josephine, your last words were "Our Lady, Our Lady". May we too know the comfort of the Mother of God, now and at the hour of our death. We pray especially for **(add your intention)**.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

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NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Recited From: January 30th through February 7th



Feast Day: February 8th (Ordinary Time only)

Novena

The word Novena derives its name from the Latin word “novem” meaning “nine.” A novena can be either a private or public devotion in the Catholic Church to obtain special graces.

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

“Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!”

- St Josephine Bakhita

FIRST DAY:

Dear St Josephine, you were taken from your family at an early age and lost your entire identity. We pray for all those children who have been abducted and for their parents and families who suffer not knowing what has become of them. May they be comforted, and may they one day be reunited. We pray especially for **(add your intention)**.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

SECOND DAY:

Dear St Josephine, you knew what it was to be a slave, to have no rights, to have lost even your name. We pray for the victims of people traffickers and all those in any kind of slavery. May this evil be wiped out from our world. We pray especially for **(add your intention)**.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

THIRD DAY:

Dear St Josephine, one of your ‘owners’ had your whole body scarred. You knew this terrible pain. We pray for all victims of torture. Help them to heal in body, mind and spirit. May all governments abandon this practice. We pray especially for **(add your intention)**.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

FOURTH DAY:

Dear St Josephine, even in the terrible suffering of your life, you saw beauty in the world and believed there must be God because of that beauty. May we too have something of your love for beauty and the natural world. We pray especially for **(add your intention)**.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

FIFTH DAY:

Dear St Josephine, when the family which had rescued you wanted you to leave the Canossians, you had the courage to refuse, even though you were truly grateful to them. Help us to put God’s will above all things, even above our natural affections. We pray especially for **(add your intention)**.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

SIXTH DAY:

Dear St Josephine, you were so grateful to know God and to be part of his Church that you often kissed the baptismal font. May we never take for granted the faith we have been offered and give us something of your humility and gratitude for all God does. We pray especially for **(add your intention)**.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

SEVENTH DAY:

Dear St Josephine, your sufferings gave you a great compassion for others and you were constantly smiling and always open to those who came to you, no matter how inconvenient it was. St Josephine, may we have something of your sweetness and openness, something of your joy. We pray especially for **(add your intention)**.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.