

Suggested Liturgy for Schools

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita – 8 February 2019

Opening Hymn

A song about penance and forgiveness or justice and peace e.g. Christ, be our light

Sign of the Cross

The sign of the cross, welcome and collect are led by a Bishop/Priest/Religious/School Chaplain or Religious Education Teacher

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Welcome & Introduction

Collect

O God, who led Saint Josephine Bakhita from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and a bride of Christ, grant, we pray, that by her example we may show constant love for the Lord Jesus crucified, remaining steadfast in charity and prompt to show compassion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Introduction to Reading(s)

- Possible use of video on St Josephine Bakhita etc.

Readings

Reading(s) may be chosen from the following list

If only one reading is chosen use a Gospel.

Sing a Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia) before the Gospel reading.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 37: 17b-35 (Joseph sold by his brothers)

Exodus 3:1–12 (Moses and the burning bush, God calls Moses to set Israel free from slavery)

Deuteronomy 10: 17–19 (God loves the stranger)

Isaiah 58: 7–10 (If you do away with the yoke)

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 11: 23-27 (Paul's account of his troubles might reflect the experience of those who have been trafficked.)

Galatians 5: 1, 13-15 (you were called to liberty)

Philemon 9-10. 12–17 (Paul gives freedom to a slave)

Gospel

Matthew 25: 31-46 (what you did to the least of these...)

Luke 4: 16-21 (proclamation of the Kingdom including liberty to captives)

Drama

By students

Reflection

By Bishop/Priest/Religious/School Chaplain or Religious Education Teacher

Intercessions

These could be prepared by students instead of, or in addition to the following:

We pray for people who are trafficked;
May they find freedom from fear and harm
and courage to live in hope.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for people who traffic others;
May they find freedom from greed and violence
and courage to live with justice.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for people who work to prevent trafficking;
May they find freedom from threats and webs of untruths
and courage to live in peace

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Giving out of prayer cards

This might be concluded by everyone saying the prayer together.

Closing Words and Blessing

Bishop/Priest/Religious/School Chaplain or Religious Education Teacher

Then he/she gives the blessing.

The Lord be with you,

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Final Song

A song about the Kingdom. E.g. God's spirit is in my heart Alleluia, raise the Gospel!