

## Commissioning Prayer



**Call to Prayer:** How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry: 'Where is your brother?' (Gen. 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labor? Let us not look the other way." - Pope Francis, *Evangelli Gaudium*

**Reader:** Many denominations have prayers and rituals to restore things and people who have been profaned, and misused. They pray that broken people and objects may be restored to the purpose for which God created them. Today we pray for women, men, and children who have been profaned, disrespected, and abused, we pray that they may be restored to the purpose our Almighty God created them, and we commit ourselves to pray and act for their good.

**Reader:** We pray for the dignity of victims suffering humiliation

**All:** We pray they are restored to the life you planned for them, and pledge our support.

**Reader:** We pray for those in danger of being ensnared in slavery

**All:** We pray they are restored to the life you planned for them, and pledge our support.

**Reader:** We pray that victims in captivity may never lose hope, even after repeated failure

**All:** We pray they are restored to the life you planned for them, and pledge our support.

**Reader:** For victims of trafficking who become victimizers

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**Reader:** That survivors of trafficking may be able to bear witness to their own courage, resilience, and dignity

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