

2024

Anti-Trafficking Calendar

JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	1	2

MARCH

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

APRIL

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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MAY

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JUNE

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JULY

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AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

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29	30	1	2	3	4	5

OCTOBER

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29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2

NOVEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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DECEMBER

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



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	8	Monthly Prayer Service for Victims of Trafficking
JANUARY		
	Entire Month	National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month
	11th	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
FEBRUARY		
	1st	National Freedom Day
	8th	Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita and the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking
MARCH		
	8th	International Women’s Day
APRIL		
	Second Week	National Crimes Victims’ Rights Week (NCVRW)
MAY		
	22nd	National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea
JUNE		
	12th	World Day Against Child Labor
	20th	World Migrant and Refugee Day
JULY		
	30th	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
AUGUST		
	23rd	The International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition



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SEPTEMBER

Last Week National Migration Week and World Day of Migrants and Refugees

NOVEMBER

25th International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

DECEMBER

2nd International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

6th Anniversary of the ratification of the 13th Amendment

12th Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

18th International Migrants Day



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JANUARY

Entire Month: National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

- In 2010, President Barack Obama proclaimed January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Since then, the U.S. government continues its pledge to combat human trafficking.

January 11: National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

- In 2007, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution declaring January 11 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day, encouraging Americans to raise awareness of trafficking and its signs, and to learn about our slavery footprint.

FEBRUARY

February 1: National Freedom Day

- On February 1, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln signed a resolution that would later become the 13th Amendment, which outlawed slavery.
- This day, advanced mainly by Richard Robert Wright Sr., a former slave, celebrates and defends the freedoms that **all** Americans have a constitutional and inalienable right to enjoy.

February 8: Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita & the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Trafficking

- The Patron Saint of Sudan, St. Bakhita, was enslaved as a child and later sold to an Italian diplomat in Italy, where she valiantly asserted her freedom with the help of the Canossian Sisters. She lived the rest of her life as a Canossian Sister, sharing her empowering testimony of human freedom and dignity.
- The International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Trafficking is an invitation to us all to become educated about the horrors of trafficking and the impact it has on victims, and to take action against modern-day slavery.

MARCH

Entire Month: Women's History Month

- 1987 President Ronald Reagan helped pass into law what was originally known as "Women's History Week," led by President Jimmy Carter in 1980. Once passed, March was recognized as Women's History Month. Since 1995, Presidents have formally recognized and proclaimed March to be "Women's History Month" with a proclamation that often recognized how women have contributed to US history through a myriad of achievements.



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March 8: International Women's Day

- International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8th, and its origins began in 1911. The United Nations has sponsored this day since 1975 and has continuously been engaged since.

APRIL

Second Week: National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW)

- This week is dedicated to learning about victimization and its effects on individuals, families, and friends, and to promote laws, policies, and programs to help victims of crime, including survivors of human trafficking.

MAY

May 22: National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea

- This day of prayer and remembrance invites us to raise awareness about the pastoral and social needs of those who work in fishing and seafood processing, especially those who are exploited and enslaved.

JUNE

June 12: World Day Against Child Labor

- Created in 2002, this day brings attention to child labor's global extent and the efforts and actions necessary to eliminate it.

June 20: World Migrant and Refugee Day

- Each year on June 20th, Migrants and Refugees are celebrated for their strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict, or persecution. Lead by the United Nations, World Refugee Day focuses on empathy, understanding and solidarity.

JULY

July 30: UN World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

- Proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly, this day urges us to recommit to the fight against human trafficking and calls on governments to implement policies to assist and protect victims, and bring traffickers to justice.

AUGUST

August 23: The International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

- This day is intended to recognize the tragedy of the slave trade in memory of all victimized people. It offers an opportunity for collective consideration of the tragedy's historical causes, methods, and motives. Focusing on the inherent worth of the individual, and the call to abolish human exploitation.



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SEPTEMBER

Last Week: National Migration Week and World Day of Migrants and Refugees

- An opportunity for the global church and the Catholic faithful to engage in prayer, reflection and action on behalf of our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes.

NOVEMBER

November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

- The goal of this day is to raise awareness of the violence that women around the world are subject to, especially given the fact that this violence is often hidden.

DECEMBER

December 2: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

- This day is focused on eradicating modern-day slavery, including labor and sex trafficking, child labor, forced marriage, and the forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflicts.

December 6: Anniversary of the Ratification of the 13th Amendment

- On December 6, 1865, the 13th Amendment was ratified, effectively outlawing slavery and involuntary servitude.

December 10: Human Rights Day

- December 10 commemorates the United Nations' adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 which, among other things, prohibits all forms of slavery and servitude and asserts that we are all born free.

December 12: Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

- According to tradition, Mary appeared to San Juan Diego, an Aztec who converted to Christianity. She appeared to him on December 9th and again on December 12th. This day commemorates and celebrates the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, and the Right to Life Movement.

December 18: International Migrants Day

- Though not all migrants are victims of trafficking nor are all trafficking victims migrants, many traffickers do exploit the vulnerabilities of migrants, immigrants and refugees.

