

# 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

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At the age of 7, St. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped from her home in Sudan by slave traders. Everything happened so quickly and was so shocking that she couldn't remember who her parents were or her name. She was nicknamed "Bakhita," meaning "fortunate."

Her slave owners were very cruel. They beat her and did not let her wounds heal. On quiet nights, Bakhita stared up into the dark sky and twinkling stars and thought that there was something bigger than her out there. This thought calmed her and gave her hope.

Bakhita didn't know God until she was bought in Italy by new owners who practiced faith. After getting to know God, she felt drawn to the Catholic Church and was baptized and confirmed, taking the name Josephine. Her slave owners were moving to Africa and wanted her to come with them, but she refused to go. The Canossian Sisters helped Josephine win her court case against them. The judge concluded that since Josephine lived in Italy when slavery was made illegal, Josephine had actually been free since 1885.

Josephine was so grateful to the Canossians Sisters that she fell in love with the order and became a Canossian Sister herself.

St. Josephine Bakhita teaches us humility and the power of forgiveness. She did not hold grudges and always had a forgiving heart - even against her slave owners. Pray through the intercession of St. Josephine Bakhita for a humble and forgiving heart.

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