

A Saint for Prisoners of their Past

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**Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere... Psalm 84:10a**



St. Josephine spent hours in Eucharistic Adoration and,
when one Sister asked if it tired her, she said,

**"Not at all! I have been having a
wonderful time with Him.**

He has waited so long for me." ...

"Our Lord has always been so good to me ...

If I were to stay on my knees for my entire life,

I still would not be able to
express my gratitude sufficiently."

St Josephine Bakhita

Sudan/Italy ~ 1869-1947

Religious (Canossian Daughters of Charity)

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Pope Benedict XVI, on 30 November 2007, in the beginning of his second encyclical letter [Spe Salvi](#) (In Hope We Were Saved), *relates her entire life story* as an outstanding example of the Christian hope.

Feast Day - Feb 8

Toward the end of her life, Mother Bakhita used to smile and say: "**I travel slowly, one step at a time, because I am carrying two big suitcases.** One of them contains my sins, and in the other, which is much heavier, are the infinite merits of Jesus. When I reach heaven I will open the suitcases and say to God: '**Eternal Father, now you can judge.**' And to St. Peter: '**Close the door, because I'm staying.**'"

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St Josephine was known for her smile, gentleness and holiness. She even went on record saying, "**If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and Religious today.**"

St Josephine Bakhita, pray for us!