



Dear brothers and sisters,

We write to alert you to a Twitterstorm scheduled for **Saturday 8 February, from 1300 - 1400hrs (GMT+1)**. We invite you to join us in promoting the 6th World Day of Prayer and Reflection against Human Trafficking. Please find the guide for participation below.

1. WHAT TO DO

On the social channel TWITTER, everyone is invited to publish AT LEAST 5 TWEETS on Saturday 8 February between 1300 - 1400hrs, Rome time. Please use the hashtag **#PrayAgainstTrafficking**.

IMPORTANT: do not start before 1pm. The first 5 Tweets should be sent in the first half hour; more Tweets may be published later (preferably before 2 pm). Our intention is that Tweets go out in exactly the same hour around the world. This, in part, is to coincide with the hour that Pope Francis generally issues Tweets. Please check the time in your time zone. If tweeting at the given hour is difficult for you it is possible to pre-schedule Tweets. If you wish to pre-schedule, instructions are detailed below under FAQ.

2. TWEETS

The main purpose is to promote the World Day of Prayer and Reflection against Trafficking and raise awareness on the issue. The following Tweets are suggestions but feel free to create your own Tweets more relevant to your network / congregation / organization / institution. The important thing is that there are at least 5 and that they all contain the hashtag #PrayAgainstTrafficking.

- Today is the World Day of Prayer against Trafficking. Let's unite against all forms of slavery. #PrayAgainstTrafficking
- Together it is possible to break the chains of slavery #PrayAgainstTrafficking
- Let us pray that life stories can become stories of rebirth, hope, dignity. #PrayAgainstTrafficking
- On this day of prayer and reflection against human trafficking we remember Saint Josephine Bakhita and all the victims of slavery #PrayAgainstTrafficking
- We pray to Saint Josephine Bakhita for all migrants, refugees and exploited people who suffer. #PrayAgainstTrafficking
- I #PrayAgainstTrafficking
- 40 million people worldwide are enslaved #PrayAgainstTrafficking
- 72% of the victims of trafficking are women and girls #PrayAgainstTrafficking
- One third of the victims of trafficking are under the age of 18 #PrayAgainstTrafficking
- 152 million children are exploited #PrayAgainstTrafficking
- 1 in 10 children are victims of labor exploitation #PrayAgainstTrafficking
- #PrayAgainstTrafficking: Would you like to know more? www.preghieracontrotratta.org



- Together against trafficking: we cannot remain silent! #PrayAgainstTrafficking
- #PrayAgainstTrafficking: everyone's commitment is needed to move from words to deeds. Join us [add @ name of friends / other organizations]

3. FAQ

- * Can more than 5 tweets be made? Yes!
- * Can retweets be done? Absolutely yes! It would be appropriate for everyone to make at least 5.
- * Can tweets be written even after 2pm? Yes! Better if close to the Twitterstorm but also all day long.
- * Can tweets be programmed? Of course you can use the TweetDeck application (<https://tweetdeck.twitter.com>)
- * Can I participate only with institutional accounts? NO, everyone can participate, from all accounts.
- * Is it better to send one Tweet only - or not to participate? Better one than none at all - but we hope you can do more!
- * How to pre-schedule Tweets
 1. Visit TweetDeck.com and sign in using your Twitter account username and password.
 2. Click the Tweet Composer to Write Your Tweet. You can find the "New Tweet" button in the very top left corner of the screen, marked by the blue plus sign and a feather icon. Clicking that will open up the tweet composer.
 3. Type your tweet. You can also add an optional image by clicking Add images
 4. To schedule your tweet, click the Schedule Tweet button located beneath the tweet composer. The button will expand to show you a calendar with the time at the top. First, calculate the date and time in your time zone that is equivalent to Rome time - (Central European Time, GMT+1) - Feb 8 1300hrs. Then click on that date. Click the hour and minute boxes to type the time you want and remember to change the AM/PM button if you need it. The correct time for our Twitterstorm is 1 PM (13:00) Central European Time. You can use any online time zone converter eg www.timeanddate.com to calculate the correct time for your time zone.
 5. When you have the correct time and date selected, click the Tweet at [date/time] button, which was previously the Tweet button. This will schedule your tweet to be tweeted out automatically at this exact date and time.

We will send you a Twitterstorm reminder. In the meantime, we invite you to mark the date on your calendar and ask your contacts to support us.

Best regards

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