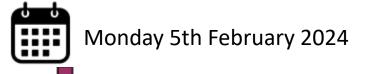


Children's Mental Health Week

Freedom





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That evening, after the sun was down, they brought sick and evil-afflicted people to him (Mark 1:32)



We respond

Dear God, thank You for never giving up on me, even when I sometimes give up on myself. Give us hope to continue walking on the path You carved out for us. When all seems hopeless, You are there to light our way. We pray that Your light continues to give us the mental strength to keep going each day

St Joseph – Pray for us



We go forth

How can our faith support our mental health?



In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit







Listen to this short piece of music in silence reflecting on the words



We go forth

Who can we pray for today?



We listen



Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy. (Proverbs 31:9)



We respond

God, help us to use our voice to speak up for others facing poverty or injustice.

Help us to realise that our voice matters and give us courage to use it.

St Joseph – Pray for us



We go forth

How can we defend the rights of the poor and needy?



St Josephine

Day of Prayer for victims of human trafficking

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit





We gather

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit



We listen

The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone... we must be compassionate! (St Josephine)



We respond

God, we pray for women, children and men who have been tricked or coerced into slavery; suffering physical and emotional abuse. We know that nothing is hidden from You, and we cry out to You for justice, freedom and mercy.

St Joseph – Pray for us



We go forth

Try to research the life of St Josephine



We gather



What does this image represent?







But once more God will send us his spirit. The wasteland will become fertile, the fields will produce rich crops. Everywhere in the land righteousness and justice will be done. Because everyone will do what is right, there will be peace and security forever.

Isaiah 32:13-17







Discuss with a partner what freedom means to you and how your opinion may be different to other people's ideas of freedom.

SPEAK UP, BECAUSE
THE DAY YOU DON'T
SPEAK UP FOR THE
THINGS THAT MATTER
TO YOU IS THE DAY
YOUR FREEDOM TRULY
ENDS.





"I like working for justice. In lots of countries, people can't speak out because it is too dangerous. So if I have the chance to speak out, I'm happy to. Most young people want to make the world a better place." - Jessica, a CAFOD young leader.

How can we help others to gain freedom?





God of Freedom,
Give us the courage and confidence to live giving all to You.
May we learn to know ourselves
and be the face of hope for others.
May we grow in inner freedom
and share this gift together.
May we say yes to the wholeness of life
and choose the good each day.

St Joseph – Pray for us