

Pilgrims of Solidarity

Good Shepherd,

Many in our world walk through a darkness unimaginable,
A valley of exploitation and danger
Assaulting their human dignity.
As you have walked with me through dark shadows,
Give me the courage to walk with them,
That we may grow in solidarity.

With those trafficked for sexual exploitation,
With St. Maria Goretti and St. Charles Lwanga,
Let me walk in solidarity.

With those child soldiers conscripted into a conflict not of their making,
With St. Jose Sanchez del Rio,
Let me walk in solidarity.

With those trafficked for forced labor,
With St. Josephine Bakhita,
Let me walk in solidarity.

With those who have been separated in transit from their families,
With St. Lorenzo Ruiz,
Let me walk in solidarity.

And with all refugees, migrants and trafficking victims moving through this world,
Fleeing death behind, and with danger on either side,
Praying that somehow, somewhere ahead
Lies a place of safety for themselves and their people,
With St. Alban, patron of all who seek refuge,
Let me walk in solidarity.

Let me not take a step without remembering
Those whose every step is taken in fear and uncertainty.
In my prayers, in my words, in my actions,
Let me take their part
And walk as a pilgrim of solidarity.

Amen