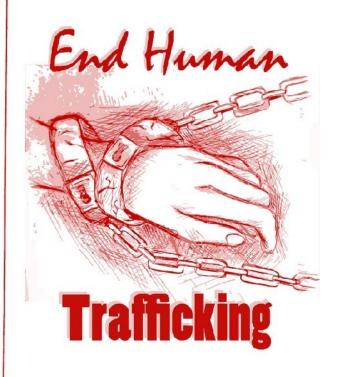
fostering a culture of peace: through our communities





O God, we didn't see them.

But you didThe hundreds and thousands of human beings trafficked each year to join the millions who are trapped in modern-day slavery.

Under terrible conditions, they work in factories, plow fields, harvest crops, work quarries, fill brothels, clean homes, and haul water.

Many are children with tiny fingers for weaving rugs and small shoulders for bearing rifles.

Their labor is forced, their bodies beaten, their faces hidden from those who don't really want to see them.

But you see them all, God of the poor.

You hear their cry and you answer
by opening our eyes, and breaking our hearts
and loosening our tongues to insist:

NO MAS, NO MORE. Amen.

A Prayer from Catholic Relief Services for Human Trafficking Awareness Day