

Holy Father, thank you for your presence and your time with us.
We are aware of your busy life.

We are deeply appreciative of the *gift of your leadership* in the church and in the world, a rich blessing for us.

Especially, *a rich blessing* for the many victims of human trafficking and for all who work in this field.

We are *encouraged and inspired* by

- your *witness*
- your *stance*
- your *passion* to rid the world of this evil.

Not long into your papacy, you convened a meeting in the Vatican.
Many of us were here then.

You highlighted the issue before the world as you brought together academics, police, politicians, NGOs, campaigners and grass-roots persons.

Your leadership gives much hope.

Hope to us:

- to continue our mission
- to fulfil our vision of a world where all may have life in its fullness, as promised by Jesus.

You have brought the love of God
the *compassion* of God
the *joy* of God and
the *mercy* of God to us and to the world.

We thank you for these great gifts.