

## **The Jubilee we need Today**

### **Prayer Booklet**

The lives of people in poor countries are often made harder by a history of unjust debt.

Much of this debt exists due to the borrowing of undemocratic regimes. Funds were often for projects undermining human and environmental rights and were known to be beyond the ability of the country to repay. As such, these debts are unjust and unpayable.

In many cases the original debts have already been repayed but millions in interest are still demanded of the people and their new governments. New waves of irresponsible lending are adding to this heavy burden and are creating more unjust debt.



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Mother Mary,

You were a refugee fleeing injustice with your  
husband Joseph and your blessed Son.  
So many today live under the injustice of debt.

We ask you to intercede with the Father to inspire  
and strengthen all those who are working to end  
injustice.

We ask you to pray for the poor who are victims of  
our unjust financial system.  
Mother Mary, pray for us.  
Amen



Saint Joseph,

You were the guardian of Mary and her precious  
Son.

You used your skills as a carpenter to find work  
wherever you were driven, and to build a home in  
Nazareth.

We ask you to pray for all young men and women  
who are denied opportunity to do the same.

We ask you to pray to the Father that our common  
efforts to build a just world may be strengthened.

Saint Joseph the worker, pray for us.

Amen

Loving Father,

You created our world and all who live within it.  
Each of us owes a great debt to others whose labour  
has enriched our lives.

Help us to appreciate what we owe to our brothers  
and sisters for our daily bread.

Help us to learn from those who speak out against  
injustice.

Help us to make our voices heard with theirs.

*Our Father in Heaven,*

*Holy be Your name,*

*your kingdom come,*

*your will be done*

*on earth as in Heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our debts*

*as we forgive those*

*who are in debt to us.*

*Do not bring us to the test*

*but deliver us from the Evil One.*

*Amen*