



# Guide to plan an inter-faith prayer and reflection

Take the time to bring people together for action, reflection, and worship as the annual G8/G20 meetings occur. Below you find an easy guide to make a successful event!

## Step 1 Choosing a Location, Time, and gathering the community

Plan a meeting with people of different faiths to discuss having the interfaith service and event to educate, reflect, and worship together around the issues of global inequality, debt, and the G8/G20.

Contact different faith leaders and social action committees to see if they can get their faith leader for a particular date and time that would work best for everyone.

Plan the event for the weekend of the G8 to connect with communities around the country taking action. Aim for having all different faiths represented for the event!

For more contacts of faith leaders in your area contact Jeremy at 202-783-0214 or email him at [jeremy@jubileeusa.org](mailto:jeremy@jubileeusa.org).

The date and time of your service and reflection will be \_\_\_\_\_.

## Step 2: Designate a facilitator of the service and reflection

Choose someone who will be the main speaker to introduce each faith leader and person.

At the end of the prayers and reflection, this facilitator should invite the community present to discuss what was just said, meet two new people, and engage in dialogue and reflection. This will be more successful if there is food and beverages at the event!

The person who will be responsible for heading the ceremonies will be \_\_\_\_\_.

Person responsible for coordinating food and beverages for conversation will be \_\_\_\_\_.



### Step 3: Getting the Word Out

Once you've got everything in place for the event, you'll need to spread the word so that people will be able to attend. There are several ways to advertise an interfaith prayer and reflection:

- Posting printed fliers in neighborhoods, stores, and public bulletin boards.
- Tell as many people as you can about the upcoming event, and ask them to tell anyone they know who might be interested in attending.
- Have one contact from each different faith community responsible for advertising and outreach in their respective community.
- Be sure to contact Jubilee for a list of Jubilee supporters in your area and for help to be sure that your event is well attended.

Person Responsible for Contacting from each faith community:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**And if you need help in developing tailored resources for the weekend, or a faith leader would like suggestions for reflection – contact the Jubilee Team at 202-783-0214!**

### Step 4: Petition and grassroots resource

After the prayer and reflection and during the social gathering around food, a few people should be responsible to ask people to sign onto the petition and passing out the attached resource.

The following people will be responsible for collecting signatures:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_



## G8/G20 -- Why do we take action?

- The G8 is an annual forum for leaders of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the UK, and the United States. The G20 include these same nations as well as South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, China, South Korea, India, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Australia, Mexico. Together these nations help shape the economic future for the entire world.
- These groups of nations have the power to exacerbate wealth inequality or eradicate poverty through pushing for particular economic policies.
- Past debt cancellation came through the global Jubilee movement pressuring the world governments, and debt relief was initially promised at the G-7 (before Russia joined) in 1999. As a movement we have to pressure Congress, the Presidential Administration, the Treasury Secretary, as well as these international summits, which represent just one more link holding together the chains of injustice!

## What is our call for justice?

- Countries all over the globe continue to experience high levels of debt and subsequent poverty, much of which has been caused by reckless lending.
- These unsustainable and illegitimate debts reduce many nations ability towards economic recovery, and prevent the eradication of poverty in the developing world. A fair and lasting solution is needed.
- Even after both developed and developing nations have been enveloped by debt crises, we still lack a fair and concrete procedure to deal with the issue.
- We can establish mechanisms to fairly and democratically address these issues. The development of what might be understood as an international debt court can form through the implementation of a Fair and Transparent Arbitration Process (FTAP) and an international debt court!
- An international debt court would allow for the global community to look at each nation's debt and deem which parts are unsustainable or unjust, and in doing so provide relief and money towards necessary social services.

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