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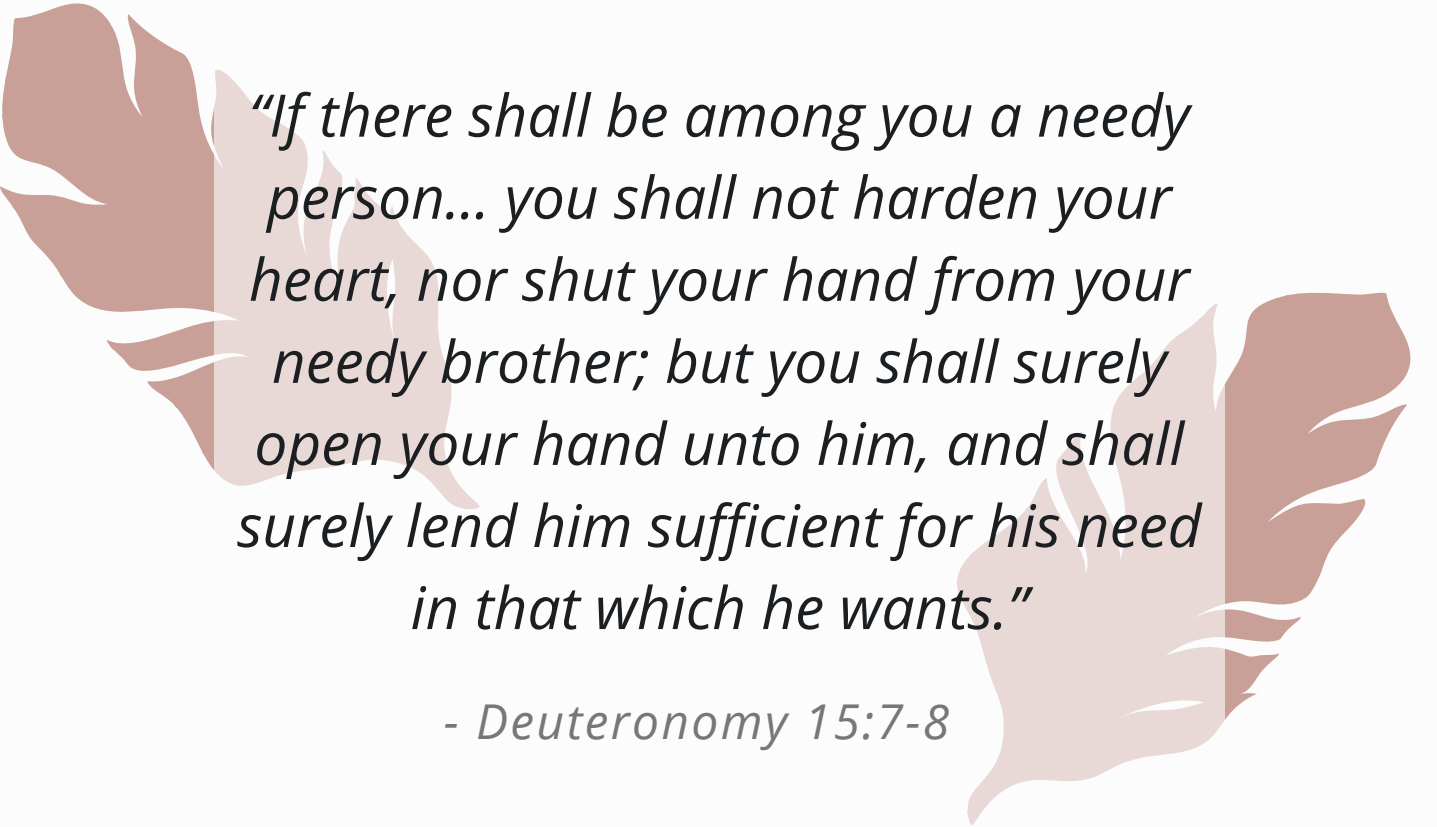
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"If there shall be among you a needy person... you shall not harden your heart, nor shut your hand from your needy brother; but you shall surely open your hand unto him, and shall surely lend him sufficient for his need in that which he wants."

- Deuteronomy 15:7-8

Dear Friends,

This year has been challenging as we collectively face the COVID-19 crisis. While we hold one another in prayer as lives and livelihoods are threatened, we continue our campaigns to lift the vulnerable, protect all of us from financial crisis and ensure our planet and the world's people emerge from this pandemic with more resilience.

This year's Jubilee Weekend comes at a crucial time. According to reports, 5.95 billion doses of the vaccine have been administered around the world, and approximately 43.3 percent of the world population has received at least their first dose of the vaccine. However, only 1.9 percent of people who live in low income countries have received their first dose—a striking disparity in vaccine access that has exacerbated global inequality.

During Jubilee Weekend, the IMF and World Bank make decisions that determine if tens of millions of people will enter or exit extreme poverty. Ending the COVID pandemic should be the highest priority, and this means securing equal access to vaccines for all while providing economic support. Now more than ever, it is time to make a strong call for debt cancellation, relief and increased aid to address the crisis in developing countries.

Included in this guide are prayer resources, materials to host a reading group or a watch party, factsheets and a Jubilee USA COVID-19 petition and letter to the White House, IMF and G20 we ask you and your congregation to sign. We also encourage you to reach out to your members of congress and have provided call and email scripts, as well as contact information, that we hope is helpful. We welcome you to adapt any of these materials for your tradition and to be inspired by God to move your congregation to pray and act for a Jubilee. These materials are for use during Jubilee Weekend or any time during the year.

For questions or further resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at olivia@jubileeusa.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Olivia Engling".

Olivia Engling, Communications and Operations Manager

TAKE ACTION

The following pages include information about actions you and your organization can carry out to help end global poverty during the pandemic.

1 PRAY (pg. 7-9)

Use the prayers on the following pages to guide your group in praying for a cure to poverty, a cure to inequality, and a cure to COVID-19.

2 PREACH (pg. 10-13)

Use the scriptures and corresponding prayer as a guide for creating a sermon focused on global pandemic recovery aid.

3 SIGN THE COVID-19 JUBILEE WHITE HOUSE, IMF, G20 LETTER (pg. 14)

Sign your organization or congregation onto Jubilee USA's letter calling on world leaders to cancel debt. Read the letter on page 13 and visit <http://tiny.cc/jubileeG20> to sign.

4 SIGN THE COVID-19 JUBILEE WHITE HOUSE, IMF, G20 PETITION (pg. 15-16)

Sign and host a petition drive calling on world leaders to protect the poor. Print the petition or bring an ipad to your congregation and ask people to sign the petition. You can ask people to sign the printed petition and mail it back to the Jubilee USA office (see page 16 for the address) or sign directly on our website:

https://www.jubileeusa.org/aa_covid-19_imf_2020_petition

5 EDUCATE YOUR COMMUNITY ON OUR ISSUES (pg. 17-20)

Learn about the debt crisis and Special Drawing Rights and ways you can take action to help vulnerable countries.

6 CALL YOUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVE (pg. 21)

Print the congressional action alert on page 21 in support of debt relief and additional aid for poor countries. Ask members of your congregation to call the congressional switchboard before or after the service. They can leave a message over the weekend. If the voicemail is full, ask them to make the call during the week. We have included a sample call in script.

7 HOST A WATCH PARTY (pg. 22-23)

Watch events sponsored by Jubilee USA addressing our issue areas on page 22. Use the questions on the following page as a guide to discuss and better understand the sources of global poverty and what you can do to help.

8 HOST A READING GROUP (pg. 24)

Visit the links on page 24 to read more about Jubilee USA's issue areas. Use the questions as a guide to discuss and better understand the sources of global poverty and what you can do to help.

9 DONATE (pg. 25)

Help Jubilee USA Network continue to advocate for the world's most vulnerable by making a gift for Jubilee Weekend.



PRAYERS

Responsive Prayer

Leader: We pray to you Lord, for our world and all those who suffer. Guide us, and hear our calls to you.

Response: We rejoice in your healing and grace, O Lord!

Leader: Lord, In these dark times, you heal us and lift us, giving us new opportunities every day to see the light of your creation.

Response: We rejoice in your healing and grace, O Lord!

Leader: We turn to you, God of Justice, for your strength in righteousness. Teach us to better help those who suffer injustice and inequality so we may all celebrate the life you have given us.

Response: We rejoice in your healing and grace, O Lord!

Leader: God of Mercy, give power and resilience to those who suffer and continue to protect those who struggle on the front lines every day. Give us kindness and patience in our hearts, as we learn to adapt to this changing world and work together to find a cure.

Response: We rejoice in your healing and grace, O Lord!

Leader: Lord, give our loved ones, families and friends, and all communities the patience and compassion to endure this chapter of our collective journey.

Response: We rejoice in your healing and grace, O Lord!



PRAYERS

Prayer for a Cure to Poverty

God, thank you for the abundance of life, relationships, health, comfort and wealth you have provided, and thank you that even in times of need, despair and brokenness you are there. Please, put your arms around children and families in extreme poverty, so they feel comfort and hope; meet their needs both physically and spiritually. And, Lord, guide me so I can be your hands and feet, pursuing justice for the poor and upholding the cause of the needy.

Prayer for a Cure to Inequality

God, you have given all peoples a common origin. It is your will that we be gathered together as one family in yourself. Yet, our greed, pride, lust for power, and complacency sustain sinful, structuralized injustice. Fill the hearts of humankind with the fire of your love and with the burning desire to ensure justice for all. By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure an equality for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. May we recognize that we will not have peace until there is justice, and may your love compel us to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

PRAYERS

Prayer for a Cure to the Coronavirus

Adapted from Kerry Weber

Lord, you cure every disease and illness. At your command, the sick are made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Lord, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

Lord, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on Earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Lord, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Lord, heal us.



JEWISH SCRIPTURES

Torah

"At the end of every seven-year period you shall have a relaxation of debts, which shall be observed as follows. Every creditor shall relax his claim on what he has loaned his neighbor; he must not press his neighbor, his kinsman, because a relaxation in honor of the Holy One has been proclaimed." (Deuteronomy 15)

Nevi'im

"Here is the God of my salvation, I shall trust and not fear; for the strength and praise of the Eternal the Lord was my salvation." Yeshayahu 12:2

"For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make everlasting covenant with them." Yeshayahu 61:8

"They sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals - they who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth, and push the afflicted out of the way...so that my holy name is profaned "" Amos 2:6-7

"Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Amos 5:24

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Mikhah 6:8

Ketuvim

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Tehillim 119:105

"He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Mishlei 14:31

"Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them." Mishlei 22:22-23

"Did you not pour me like milk and curdle me like cheese? Clothe me with skin and cover me with bones and sinews? You have granted me life and kindness, and Your providence watched my spirit." Iyov 10:10-12



MUSLIM SCRIPTURES

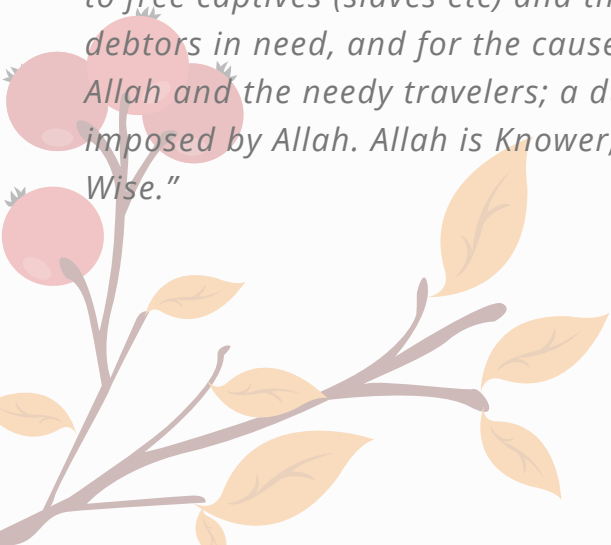
Qur'an

2:282 *"O you who believe, when you transact a loan for any period, you shall write it down. An impartial scribe shall do the writing. No scribe shall refuse to perform this service, according to Allah's teachings. He shall write, while the debtor dictates the terms. He shall observe Allah his Lord and never cheat. If the debtor is mentally incapable, or helpless, or cannot dictate, his guardian shall dictate equitably."*

9:60 *"The alms are only for the poor and the needy, and those who collect them (for distribution), and those whose hearts are to be reconciled (resettlement of families, refugees etc), to free captives (slaves etc) and the debtors in need, and for the cause of Allah and the needy travelers; a duty imposed by Allah. Allah is Knower, Wise."*

59:07 *"That which Allah giveth as spoil unto His messenger from the people of the townships, it is for Allah and His messenger and for the near of kin and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer, that it become not a commodity between the rich among you."*

4:75 "And what is wrong with you that you fight not in the Cause of Allah, and for those weak, ill treated and oppressed among men, women, and children, whose cry is: "Our Lord! Rescue us from this town whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from You one who will protect, and raise for us from You one who will help."



CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

The Old Testament

"He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God." Prov. 14:31

"Thus says the Lord, 'For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals - they who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth, and push the afflicted out of the way...so that my holy name is profaned.'" Amos 2:6-7

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies." Psalms 103:2-4

The New Testament

*"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. **For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me...Amen, I say to you, what you did for one of these least ones, you did for me.**'" Matthew 25: 34-36, 40*

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:14-16



PROPHETS

of a Future not Our Own

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future that is not our own. Amen.

COVID-19 Jubilee White House, IMF, G20 Letter

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As COVID-19 takes lives, impacts jobs, affects healthcare and drives a global economic crisis, we the undersigned urge the International Monetary Fund, the G20 and White House to:

- Cancel debt and expand debt relief for developing countries to bolster healthcare, protect the vulnerable, workers and the environment as they confront COVID-19
- Mobilize additional resources to support all countries impacted by the economic and health impacts of the coronavirus through increased grants and development bank support, emergency reserve funds known as Special Drawing Rights and sales from IMF gold reserves
- Improve debt restructuring, issue debt payment moratoriums and create expedient debt reprofiling processes for countries impacted by the coronavirus
- Support all countries to emerge from the crisis with more resilience by encouraging policies and agreements to increase protections for the vulnerable and that protect our planet, instill greater public budget transparency, implement financial crisis and market protections, promote responsible lending and borrowing and curb corruption and tax evasion

Go to **https://www.jubileeusa.org/jusa_covid19_sign_on_letter_2021** to sign your congregation onto this letter.

ADD YOUR VOICE

COVID-19 Jubilee White House, IMF, G20 Petition

As Covid-19 takes lives, impacts jobs, affects healthcare and drives a global economic crisis, we the undersigned urge the G20, the International Monetary Fund, its Members and Executive Directors to:

- Cancel debt and expand debt relief for developing countries to bolster healthcare, protect the vulnerable, workers and environment as they confront COVID-19. Increase debt relief and aid through the Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust, the Common Framework and other expanded processes
- Mobilize additional grant and financing resources to support all countries impacted by the economic and health impacts of the coronavirus such as development bank support, emergency reserve funds known as Special Drawing Rights and sales from IMF gold reserves
- Enhance debt restructuring, issuing debt payment moratoriums and creating expedient debt reprofiling processes for countries impacted by the coronavirus
- Advise countries to emerge from the crisis with more resilience by encouraging policies and agreements to increase protections for the vulnerable and our planet, instill greater public budget transparency, implement financial crisis and market protections, promote responsible lending and borrowing and curb corruption and tax evasion

Full Name	Email	Address	Signature

COVID-19 Jubilee White House, IMF, G20 Petition

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Please print
and return
petition to:

**Jubilee USA Network,
110 Maryland Ave. NE Suite 210,
Washington, DC 20002**

Jubilee USA and Debt

Around the world, nearly 700 million people live in extreme poverty. After more than two decades of progress in reducing poverty, the pandemic caused it to start growing again. Part of the problem is that the world's poorest countries cannot afford to fully fund important public services like health care and education and provide basic infrastructure. In many of those countries, debt is a big reason why.

The Jubilee movement began with an interfaith call for debt cancellation in the 1990s. Inspired by scripture and universal faith traditions, Jewish, Christian and Muslim religious groups called for tackling the structural causes of poverty and canceling the debt of poor countries. They formed the group that would become Jubilee USA. Instead of paying debt, resources should go to reducing poverty and providing healthcare and education for those most in need, they argued.

Since the late 1990s, the Jubilee movement won more than \$130 billion in debt relief for the world's poorest economies. These agreements enabled investments in schools, hospitals and other social infrastructure. In Sub-Saharan Africa alone, 54 million kids have gone to school who never would have seen the inside of a classroom.

But developing countries together still owe \$8 trillion. In more than half of them, at least 25% of their budget goes to pay debt every year.

Debt and the Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic is more than a health crisis: it is an economic, political, and social crisis, all made worse by debt. In 2020, six countries defaulted on their sovereign debts. In response, the G20 began two initiatives: the Debt Service Suspension Initiative, which allowed low-income countries to apply for a pause on debt payments, and the Common Framework for Debt Treatment, which promised to coordinate debt relief if a borrowing country requests it.

While both efforts are welcome, they only apply to a limited group of countries and do not address debt owed to private entities. Since eight in ten people who entered poverty during COVID-19 live in middle-income countries, it is critical to include these nations in any debt relief initiative. Additionally, there are no mechanisms to relieve sovereign debt with commercial banks, investment funds, commodity traders, or other private lenders.

How You Can Help

1. Contact your Senators and Representative and ask them to support debt relief. Call the US Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to be connected to your senators and then your representative. You will need to call three times to reach all of them.
Sample call script:
My name is _____. I am a constituent from [city, state]. Please support debt cancellation and aid to help developing countries deal with the health and economic effects of the COVID crisis and recover with resilience. Please legislate protections to shield borrowing countries from private creditor lawsuits that would strip them of debt relief benefits.
2. Sign our urgent G20/IMF petition to cancel debt and expand aid to bolster health care for countries affected by COVID-19.
<https://tinyurl.com/7vhjkttn>
3. Facilitate a discussion group using the materials in this packet.
4. Spread the word about cancelling debt as part of the global response to COVID-19.

For more information, check out www.jubileeusa.org or contact Communications and Operations Manager Olivia Engling at olivia@jubileeusa.org.

Emergency Funds to Fight the Pandemic

COVID-19 is disproportionately impacting poor and vulnerable people. In 2020, global growth contracted 3.5% and nearly 100 million people entered extreme poverty. As many as 251 million people could be driven into extreme poverty by 2030. Low- and middle-income developing countries have been hit the hardest, with fewer resources to protect their citizens from COVID-19 or to begin an economic recovery. The United Nations Development Programme estimates developing countries will lose \$220 billion or more in income because of the pandemic.

Developing countries desperately need increased resources to respond to the coronavirus. They do not have access to the finance or medicines needed. Special Drawing Rights are one way to increase resources for developing countries to bolster their health and social safety net spending.

What are Special Drawing Rights?

Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) are an emergency currency created by the IMF. SDRs can be allocated and then exchanged for money in times of crisis. The value of an SDR is based on several major currencies. SDRs are created by all IMF member states but are primarily allocated to rich countries in proportion to their economic size. SDRs are not debt and can be donated by wealthy nations to poorer ones.

Historic SDR creation

On August 23, 2021, the IMF released \$650 billion in SDRs – approximately \$230 billion go directly to developing countries. This is the most aid we have won in 25 years of campaigns on debt relief and disaster assistance. But more is needed. Wealthy countries received more than \$400 billion. They don't need these reserve funds and should donate them to developing countries that can use them for pandemic response.

What is still needed

Jubilee USA is advocating for the IMF to create new SDR allocations, in addition to the US\$650 billion already distributed. We are also calling on the US and other wealthy nations to commit to channeling their SDRs to countries that need them, and to urge other rich nations to do so too.

- See our letter with the US Conference of Catholic Bishops to President Biden: <https://tinyurl.com/4hkyfbps>
- See our joint letter on rechanneling SDRs: <https://tinyurl.com/5wvvzjmw>

How you can help

1. Contact your Senators and Representative. Ask them to support the creation of additional SDRs and the donation of the US SDRs to support vulnerable countries that need them. Call the US Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to be connected to your senators and then your representative. You will need to call three times to reach all of them.

Sample call script:

My name is _____. I am a constituent from [city, state]. Please support a new creation of Special Drawing Rights reserves because developing countries need increased resources to fight the pandemic. This won't cost taxpayers anything and won't increase debt in vulnerable countries. Please also ask the Treasury Department to donate its share of SDRs to countries in need and encourage other wealthy countries to do the same.

2. Sign our urgent G20/IMF petition calling for more resources to support vulnerable countries impacted by the pandemic.

<https://tinyurl.com/7vhjkttn>

3. Facilitate a discussion group using the materials in this packet.
4. Spread the word about how SDRs can be a part of a global response to the COVID-19 crisis.

For more information, go to www.jubileeusa.org or email Communications and Operations Manager Olivia Engling at olivia@jubileeusa.org.

CALL YOUR CONGRESS MEMBERS



Take Action

Call your members of Congress. Urge them to support debt relief and additional aid for poor countries.

Call the US Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to be connected to your senators and then your representative. They will ask you for your zipcode. You will need to call three times to reach all of them.

Here's a sample call script:

My name is _____. I am a constituent from [city, state].
I urge my senator/representative to support:

- Debt cancellation and aid to help developing countries deal with the health and economic effects of the COVID crisis and recover with resilience.
- It is also important to legislate protections to shield borrowing countries from private creditor lawsuits that would strip them of debt relief benefits.
- Developing countries need more resources to fight the pandemic. Please support a new creation of Special Drawing Rights reserves. This won't cost taxpayers anything or increase debt in poor countries.
- Please also ask the Treasury Department to donate its share of SDRs to countries in need and encourage other wealthy countries to do the same.

Alternatively, you can find contact information for your representative at **www.house.gov/representatives** and your senators at **www.senate.gov/senators**.

If you don't know who your members of Congress are, you can find them at **www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member**.

You can also view this action alert on Jubilee's website:

www.jubileeusa.org/ask_congress_to_support_debt_relief

For more information, contact Olivia Engling at olivia@jubileeusa.org

HOST A WATCH PARTY

1 Making the Most of Special Drawing Rights: Approaches to Maximize Impact and Create a Sustainable and Just Recovery

www.imf.org/en/Videos/view?vid=6275533180001

To maximize the impacts of the allocation of US\$650 billion Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), the IMF is working on proposals for countries with strong external positions to voluntarily channel their SDRs to vulnerable countries. How can the design of these mechanisms enable transfers on a grant or low-interest basis, provide access to both low-and middle-income countries in need, or support country-owned and accountable plans for pandemic response and inclusive and sustainable recovery? This event was moderated by Jubilee USA Executive Director Eric LeCompte.

Discussion questions:

- How can Special Drawing Rights be used to bolster pandemic recoveries in low- and middle-income countries?
- How do rules around SDR allocation hold back an equitable global recovery from COVID-19?
- What practices should rich countries adopt in order to best channel their SDRs to poorer nations more vulnerable to the pandemic?

2 The Jubilee Promise: Biblical Solutions to the Global COVID-19 Crisis

www.collegevilleinstitute.org/events/event/the-jubilee-promise/

Spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic, the world is experiencing the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. As world leaders debate solutions, an interfaith movement is proposing answers from religious teachings and the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. The White House, US Congress, G20, G7, IMF and United Nations are implementing solutions proposed by Jubilee USA Network. Join this hour long discussion on the biblical theme of Jubilee and how this translates to pandemic crisis response, climate change, inequality, poverty and protecting our planet. This event features Eric LeCompte, Executive Director of Jubilee USA.

HOST A WATCH PARTY

Discussion questions:

- How does sovereign debt contribute to poverty and inequality in low- and middle-income countries?
- How have global debt, tax, and trade structures exacerbated the economic crisis caused by the pandemic?
- How do the Bible and other religious texts guide your perspective on global inequality, poverty, and vulnerability?

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Poverty and COVID-19: Challenges and Solutions

https://youtu.be/YouQSQ_oCEM

This webinar focused on the G20 Summit, coming up in late October, and the G20 Interfaith Forum in September, which draws on religious communities and their advocacy and support for bold, ambitious multilateral action. The conversation centered on the links between financial and moral challenges that poorer countries face as the COVID-19 pandemic continues its deadly path around the globe. Katherine Marshall, senior fellow at the Berkley Center, moderated the discussion. Jubilee USA Executive Director Eric LeCompte was a panelist on this event.

Discussion questions:

- How can individuals and faith organizations push world leaders to take action to end the crisis of poverty exacerbated by COVID-19?
- What challenges do low-income countries face when organizing their pandemic recoveries?
- How can nations come together to constructively face the challenges of debt, tax transparency, and vaccine access?

HOST A READING GROUP

Follow the links below to print and read articles from Jubilee USA. Learn more about international debt relief and discuss how you and your organization can help.

"THE PROMISE OF A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD WHERE WE ALL HAVE ENOUGH"

Eric LeCompte Addresses a Special UN Session on COVID-19 Response

Read online: www.jubileeusa.org/eric_lecompte_addresses_united_nations

- How can your religious organization/institution help alleviate these problems?
- What role do you play in your community and how does it relate to these issues? What do you think you could improve/change to achieve these goals faster?
- What is transparency? How do we ensure transparency in societies that are historically beset by corruption?
- How can we engage the private sector in debt relief and cancellation in developing countries? What incentives would be most effective?
- What steps do you feel are the best way to combat the crises referred to above?

JUBILEE USA LETTER TO G20 CALLS FOR QUICK SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS ALLOCATION

Read online: www.jubileeusa.org/jubilee_letter_g20_sdr

- What are your initial reactions to Special Drawing Rights and their creation process?
- Did you have previous knowledge about SDRs? If so, how did these articles change your view on them and/or build upon your previous knowledge?
- If you had to explain SDRs to a friend that did not have any background knowledge on the topic, how would you do this?
- How do you feel about the current way that SDRs are distributed?

DONATE TO JUBILEE USA

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

Our work at Jubilee USA is possible because of supporters like you. Your generous gifts have enabled us to help and advocate for the most vulnerable and we thank you for the support. Please make a donation in support of Jubilee Weekend. Any financial support you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

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To send a check to the Jubilee USA Network, our mailing address is:

110 Maryland Ave. NE
Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20002

Donate Online

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