



Global Solidarity News

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Giving Hope to a World in Need **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**

Confront Global Poverty. As Catholics, we seek to encounter our neighbors at home and across the globe, to defend the dignity of those who are poor and vulnerable, to urge our nation to take action, and to transform our local and global communities. Pope Francis said, “Behind the...statistics are people, each of them with...an inalienable dignity which is theirs as a child of God.” Our response is rooted in prayer and is part of our Baptismal call. Our Catholic Church is saving and improving lives across the globe. How can you help? Write a letter, meet with your congressional representatives, and/or engage on social media. Become part of **Catholics Confront Global Poverty**, an initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and CRS. We call on Catholics and our nation to defend the lives and dignity of people living in poverty worldwide, through advocacy and action. **Visit confrontglobalpoverty.org.**

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY PRAYER

We invite you to join us in praying the following prayer this month, so our hearts may be one and steadfast as we turn again to the work of the Lord: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and the captive.

‘PRAYER TO CONFRONT GLOBAL POVERTY’

HOLY TRINITY, FATHER, SON AND SPIRIT,

You are the origin of all gifts.
Make us grateful stewards of your many blessings.

Father, Creator of Abundance,
Grant us generosity in sharing our gifts and resources
with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Jesus, Prince of Peace,
Make us advocates of the peace that strengthens justice
and the justice that sustains peace.

Spirit of Justice,
May the love and equality you share with the Father and the Son

inspire us to support just trade policies that lift up poor persons.

Father, Maker of the World,
Make us responsible stewards of the earth's riches
and respectful of local peoples from whose lands resources are extracted.

Jesus, Lord who Lightens Burdens,
May we look with mercy on nations burdened by debt
and commit ourselves to their relief.

Holy Spirit, Author of Life,
Inspire us to protect the gift of creation,
and to assist those in poverty, who suffer the most from environmental harm.
Blessed Trinity, Communion of Love,
Help us to love our global neighbors and those displaced from their homes
by welcoming refugees and immigrants and reducing poverty in other countries.

Father, through your Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit,
Help us to recognize your face in all those affected by global poverty
and fill us with the love and fortitude we need to confront its causes.

Father, we ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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