“The Lord hears the cry of the poor …”

“Eradicating poverty is now universally perceived as an ethical, social, political and economic imperative of humankind”


What is your personal experience of poverty? ………………


October 17th International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
The observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty can be traced back to 17 October 1987. On that day, over a hundred thousand people gathered at the Trocadéro in Paris, where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed in 1948, to honour the victims of extreme poverty, violence and hunger. They proclaimed that poverty is a violation of human rights and affirmed the need to come together to ensure that these rights are respected. A web sites that provide more information and good resources in English, French and Spanish http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/poverty/

Gaze with compassion on the situation and pray … Be Moved to Action!

Stand up and Take Action Against Poverty and Inequality October 17th to 19th.
See web site for ideas. There are actions designated for regions – Americas, Africa Asia, Europe, and Oceania – web site is in English, French and Spanish. http://www.standagainstpoverty.org/

Did you know about the first UN Decade for the Eradication of Poverty 1997 – 2007?

The Millennium Development Goals campaign promised to cut poverty by 50% by 2015. Do you “aggressive push” towards attaining the anti-poverty targets world leaders pledged to achieve by 2015, after a new United Nations report found that progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) is threatened by high food and fuel prices and the global economic slowdown. See web site for more information: http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/ in English, French and Spanish.

Would you like to share your prayer, your action or send a photograph to gsijoffice@gssweb.org