



# A Call to Pray



for October

## **Sustainable Development Goal 1: to end poverty in all its forms everywhere by 2030**

More than 700 million people, or 10 per cent of the world population, live in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.90 per day, struggling to fulfill the most basic needs like health, education, and access to water and sanitation, to name a few.

It is predicted that the COVID-19 pandemic will push an estimated 71 million additional people into extreme poverty, more than half of them being women and children.

**Read** Luke 16:19-31

**Pray** that God will teach us how to share what we have with those who have little; that initiatives providing skills-training for income generation will prosper; that each person will have the opportunity to realize their potential and earn at least a living wage.

Let us know, by writing in the comments on our Facebook post, of initiatives in your Unit that are bringing hope to those who are suffering acute poverty. Pray for these, and thank God for agricultural training in DR Congo; small business start-up and support in South Africa; good quality seeds given to farmers in the Gambia; skills training in beadwork and tailoring for women to generate an income and lift themselves out of poverty. We thank God for women in Nigeria responding to people in need through their 'Filling the Jar' initiative; for Ghanaian women providing skills training in production of yogurt, tie and dye clothes and bathing gel, and guidance on Satellite TV installation and entrepreneurship.

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