



# CANCEL DEBT CHOOSE HOPE

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings from the Archdiocese of Nairobi in Kenya in this Jubilee Year.

Today, 54 countries are facing a devastating debt crisis. Kenya is one of them, currently spending five times as much on repaying foreign debts as it spends on hospitals and doctors.

**For countries like Kenya, this is not a choice.**

The global financial system pushes low-income countries into borrowing money at extortionate interest rates, keeping them in a vicious cycle that makes it impossible to clear the debt.

The consequences of this are that families forego medical care, children lose access to quality education, and small farmers face the devastating impacts of climate change without support. This is not the world God intended – but a better world is possible.

**We need to create better systems, cancel unfair debts, and implement fairer laws.**

In this Jubilee Year, in its spirit of restoring fairness I would like to encourage parishioners in England and Wales to stand with the people of Kenya and many others around the world who are suffering the impact of this global debt crisis. **Please sign the global Church petition**, because a better world needs all of us.

With prayers and blessings,

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