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Prayer Time

Heaven and earth are filled with your praises, O Creator God! You taught us to love the lilies, the birds, and our neighbour. Help us forgive all debt as You taught us in prayer; to lives beyond the reaches of unjust economic systems that devastate the earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

No Debt @COP26

We pray for a big commitment to be made at COP 26 for the unconditional cancellation of debt for the global south. This will help countries invest in climate adaptation and mitigation, and help frontline communities stay in their homes as Climate Chaos threatens to displace them.

Cancelling debt will also help global south governments to rebuild public services and buy Covid-19 vaccines.

Debt cancellation would help atone for the climate and ecological debt owed by the global north to the global south. Commitment for Life joins Global justice Now in calling for massive debt write-offs with immediate additional finance to compensate for loss and damage due to climate change.



Poverty Facts: Zimbabwe

- Poverty affects [76.3% of Zimbabwean children](#) living in rural areas.
- Roughly 74% of the population lives on £5.00 a day and the [average wage per month](#) is around £230.
- Half of Zimbabwe's 13.5 million people live [below the food poverty line](#).
- About 3.5 million children are chronically hungry.
- Approximately 1.3 million Zimbabweans were living with HIV as of 2016. However, the number of HIV cases has been declining since 1997 because of improved prevention, treatment and support.
- About 60% of rural Zimbabwean women [face period poverty](#), meaning they lack access to menstrual supplies or education. Girls who experience period poverty miss an estimated 20% of their school life.
- Due to famine and the HIV/AIDS crisis, the average life expectancy for a Zimbabwean was only 61 years as of 2018. However, life expectancy has steadily risen since 2002 when it was only 44 years. In 2019, [two million Zimbabweans](#) had no access to safe drinking water due to drought.

Commitment for Life has supported Christian Aid's work in Zimbabwe for decades. Sometimes it feels like just a drop in the ocean, but for tens of thousands of Zimbabweans, your prayers, advocacy, and generosity can be the difference between life and death. Thank you for your support!

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