



## What is the **Proclaim Jubilee!** Initiative? Why should I take part?

The **Proclaim Jubilee!** initiative is part of the Turn Debt into Hope campaign initiated by Jubilee USA Network and inspired by the late Pope Francis' call to address the debts of countries "that are in no condition to repay the amount they owe." These words echo throughout various faith communities. Today, more than 50 countries are facing a debt crisis, with many governments forced to spend more on debt repayments to private creditors than on schools, hospitals, or protecting their communities from the worsening impacts of the climate emergency.

Jubilee USA invites groups worldwide to bring this global 'Proclamation' to their community from October 12-19, 2025, to coincide with the Annual Meetings of the World Bank and IMF — which convene the leaders and policymakers who can agree on solutions to the debt crisis. It is a

proclamation of hope for millions of people living in poverty caused by sovereign debt.

We are inviting you, wherever you are, to take part in the event with friends or colleagues. All you need is to gather a group of any size together, share a prayer or reflection about Jubilee, incorporate a horn in some form, and invite people to sign the global Jubilee petition. The sounding of the horn will symbolize the start of Jubilee in your community. The root word of Jubilee is *Yovel*, which is the Hebrew word for the sound of the Shofar – the ram's horn used to announce a Jubilee year in Jewish tradition. This event is meant to kickstart a grassroots campaign that is seeking policy reforms at relevant multilateral institutions and key jurisdictions like New York State to help end the debt crisis.



## What will **Proclaim Jubilee!** look like?

Participation in **Proclaim Jubilee!** is simple, all you need is a group of people and some way to include a horn. We recommend choosing a public location to make visible this call.

- ★ **STEP ONE:** Start with a prayer or a reflection on the meaning of Jubilee, such as Pope Francis's Jubilee proclamation or stories about past Jubilee year campaigns
- ★ **STEP TWO:** Offer a few brief examples on the impacts of sovereign debt worldwide
- ★ **STEP THREE:** Moment of silence to honor the suffering of those trapped in poverty by debt
- ★ **STEP FOUR:** Sound a horn – this can be a shofar, trumpet, bugle, air horn, or any other creative symbol of jubilee
- ★ **STEP FIVE:** Invite participants and observers to sign the Jubilee petition and take other actions
- ★ **STEP SIX:** Send photos and recordings of the event to [brigid@jubileeusa.org](mailto:brigid@jubileeusa.org) and post on social media under the hashtag **#ProclaimJubilee!2025**

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