

Figurative, Literal, Virtual, and Courageous

PRAYER BILLION MARCH

The
Worldwide
Prayer Vigil
to End
Extreme Poverty



One Prayer
for Every
Person
Living in
Extreme Poverty

When: At interfaith gatherings, public events, in solidarity with other marches around the country and the world, clergy gatherings, and concerts, etc. We'll let you know about other events and major actions your congregation can participate in.

Who: We invite every person, and every congregation in every faith in every country to join the historic St. Paul's Chapel at Ground Zero in NYC and countingprayers.org to offer The Counting Prayer everyday and/or at every service until the Millennium Development Goals are met. Hundreds of thousands of prayers will turn into millions then billions, and as the prayers are answered the repetition of words will turn into advocacy then action, and finally a miracle.

What & Where: At some point before, during or after the worship service, to (preferably) go out-of-doors (to attract attention) and offer The Counting Prayer—

*“The world now has the means to end extreme poverty,
we pray we will have the will.”*

—at least 100 times. Log on to countingprayers.org to register your ongoing weekly prayer pledge, and your **Billion Prayer March** Special Event pledges.

Why: At some point in the not too distant future benign neglect and callous disregard for the world's extremely poor (living on under \$1 a day) will become a crime against humanity and a sin against the Creator. This is the time to pray, advocate, and to take action. Promises have been made, and the time for debate is over because solutions now exist.

The Billion Prayer March is literal or figurative, as marching is “optional” to join in the vigil. These marches can be called for at anytime as a show of support, as they are easy to organize. The BPM is also virtual, as the weekly prayer pledges and prayers offered at special events are tallied daily on the website. The BPM is courageous as most congregations are not doing anywhere near enough to live out their theology about poverty, and it will take courage to be an advocate in your congregation.

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the counting of prayers
to end extreme poverty
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