International day for the eradication of poverty

17 October



On that **day**, over a hundred thousand people gathered at the Trocadéro in Paris, where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed in 1948, to honour the victims of extreme **poverty**, violence and hunger.

Purpose and philosophy

Early in his career as an activist, Wresinski recognized that governments often ignored the plight of those living in poverty, leading to feelings of rejection, shame, and humiliation.[1] As a result, one of the primary goals of the Day is to recognize the struggles of the impoverished and to make their voices heard by governments and citizens.[2] Participation by the poorest of people is an important aspect of the observance of the Day.

For today this topic is very widespread, but we don't always notice it.

So let's be thankful for all that we have and help others when we have a chance.

Wherever men and women are condemned to live in extreme poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights be respected is our solemn duty.

Joseph Wresinski, Text Engraved on Original Commemorative Stone in Paris

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