

I ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR ...

Following the Presiding Bishop's urge for Prayers, I write this note and ask your prayers for....

I am deeply broken in my spirit as I write this note. The deadliest earthquake devastated the poor Caribbean nation crushed thousands of structures, from schools and shacks to the National Palace and the U.N. peacekeeping headquarters. Thousands of dead bodies piled along the devastated streets of Port-Au-Prince. Untold numbers were still trapped. The Haitians are experiencing tragedy at a level that defiles our imagination and will likely be considered among the great traumas of human history.

I have no hesitation to feel, at this time of deadliest natural calamity, that when the creation is hurt, the creator is hurt also. God shares the pain of all who died and of those left alive and alone to wait for help. While the Geologists may ask the 'why' questions, the others may ask where was God when the earth shook? It is for us to ask the 'what' questions – what can we do to help relieve the pain and suffering of our fellow human beings in Haiti?

I would suggest that first, we begin with prayers for those who survived and likewise for those who died following this devastating earth quake. Secondly, I ask your prayers for the world leaders and countries that extend helping hands during this time of great disaster and crisis. Please pray that they are generous in their aid and support. Thirdly, we should pray that voluntary agencies, medical personnel in large numbers, will rise to render humanitarian services to the affected families and all who have been rendered homeless. Fourth, we should pray for the Church and other faith communities in Haiti, especially for those who minister to people may find it difficult to speak hope and compassion in the aftermath of such a devastating loss of human life. Finally, we should pray for ways, big and small, to extend our support (financial and human resources) to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our external differences aside, we are, after all, one human family. So, let us share one another's grief and pain.



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