



EARTHQUAKE and TSUNAMI TRAGEDIES

Praying for those who suffer and those who help

O God our Father, creator of heaven and earth, we pray for the people of Japan who are suffering so terribly, through earthquakes, the tsunami and the nuclear threat.

- Lord, enable help to reach survivors. Guide rescue workers in their search for missing people. Please enable relief workers to be compassionate and effective in coping with the demands they face.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you will protect the people from further harm from aftershocks and from nuclear radiation. Provide for them the medical help, food, shelter, access to clean water and sanitation they need. Thank you for all who are doing wonderful jobs in awful conditions.

- Give wisdom to all in authority in Japan and their advisers, including those trying to deal with the threat of nuclear meltdown caused by damage to the reactors.

Father God, we think of those whose loved ones on the north-east coast of Japan were crushed or swept away and whose bodies may never be found or identified. We pray for people suffering trauma from the horrors they've seen. Please protect and restore them in mind, body and spirit.

- Lord, in their despair and sorrow draw them to know You, the God of all comfort. Have mercy on the children and send people to care for them in your name.

Lord, we pray for the comparatively few Christian believers in Japan and missionaries working among them. We ask for a new openness to the gospel where few have heard of your love.

- Thank you Lord, for all who are on missions of mercy, witnessing for Christ and giving practical and financial aid in his name and working in rebuilding and recovery.

We remember too the people of Christchurch in their shattered city. We pray that your people may share the hope of the gospel with others who have no hope.

- Lord Jesus, may the Church worldwide care for them and keep on doing so. May we show love in action.

Your word tells us that other troubles will come, falling on the just and the unjust alike – wars, earthquakes and disasters of all kinds will continue till Jesus returns.

- Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Lord, we trust you even where we cannot understand. In the darkness let your light shine – Jesus Christ, the hope of the world.

Almighty God, we know that you are both just and loving. In your love you sent Jesus, who died on the cross and rose again to save us from the death beyond death.

- Lord, give us and all who call on you a sure hope and a firm trust in Jesus. In humble repentance may we know we are cleansed, forgiven and assured of eternal life.

