

RIGHT NOW
YESHUWA - JESUS
NEEDS YOU
ON HIS SIDE
TO SERVE
HIS PEOPLE HIS BROTHERS & SISTERS
SUFFERING IN HAITI
EFFECTED BY THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE
WOULD YOU
RESPOND TO HIS CALL
WITH YOUR TIME, DONATIONS OR
PRAYERS especially PRAYERS?

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Haiti

Haiti Earthquake Relief

The Situation:

On January 12 at 4:53 p.m., a magnitude 7.0 earthquake rocked the island country of Haiti, primarily impacting its capital of Port-au-Prince and its nearly two million residents. It is believed that over three million citizens of Haiti are effected. The epicenter of the quake was centered approximately 10 miles west of Port-au-Prince. Offices, hotels, houses and shops have collapsed. Over 30 aftershocks ranging from 4.2 to 5.9 have already been recorded.

The city is without electricity and the telephone network has been overloaded with calls making it impossible to reach friends and family.

The presidential palace is in ruins and many churches have been destroyed. Hospitals that were not directly impacted by the quake are overflowing and the search for survivors is intense. Already one of the poorest countries in the world, this catastrophe will exacerbate the suffering felt by many already living with hunger and poverty.

ELCA Response:

The ELCA, through the Lutheran World Federation, is already responding to the critical needs of survivors in Haiti. Thankfully, the LWF offices and staff on the island were spared in the earthquake, making it possible for work to begin immediately. Staff there will focus their immediate efforts on issues of water safety and sanitation, assisting with medical triage, and providing emergency sheltering for the many who are now homeless. The ELCA has long-standing relationships in Haiti through several organizations and the Lutheran Church in Haiti.

In anticipation of your generous gifts, ELCA Disaster Response has authorized \$250,000 for immediate relief assistance in Haiti, with the possibility for an additional \$500,000 as the full scope of this disaster continues to become clear. Your gifts are needed now to make this type of rapid response possible.

While volunteers, especially skilled workers, will likely be needed in the coming months, the situation on the ground is still far too chaotic – no water, no power, few roads, and very limited communication – to support volunteers traveling to the area in the immediate days.

What you can do:

Pray:

How You Can Help

- **Check or money orders sent to:**
ELCA Int'l Disaster Response
Attn: Haiti Earthquake Relief
PO Box 71764
Chicago, IL 60694-1764
write "Haiti Earthquake Relief" on your check's memo line.
- **credit card by phone:**
800.638.3522
- **or [online](#).** Credit card contributions may also be made via mail.

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Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and continued hope for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. About 3 million lives, one-third of Haiti's population, are affected by this earthquake.

Yes, I want to help!

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

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Worship Resources Earthquake

Prepared in response to the earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010.

Prayers

Time of community mourning

God our creator,
through whose providing care we enjoy all goodness and life,
turn our eyes to your mercy in this time of confusion and loss.
Comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones because of the earthquake;
shine your light on those whose only companion is darkness;
and teach us all so to number our days that we may apply our hearts to your wisdom;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from *ELW*, pew edition, page 77)

National distress

Eternal God,
amid all the turmoil and changes of the world
your love is steadfast and your strength never fails.
In this time of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian.
Guide the leaders of the nations with your wisdom,
comfort those in distress,
and grant courage and hope to face the future;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(adapted from *ELW*, pew edition, page 76)

Praying for those suffering

Loving God,
in the communion of Christ, we are joined with the trials and sufferings of all.
Be with those who endure the effects of the earthquake in Haiti.
Protect those in the path of danger.
Open the pathway of evacuations.
Help loved ones find one another in the chaos.
Provide assistance to those who need help.
Ease the fears of all and make your presence known in the stillness of your peace;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer in the midst of natural disasters

Merciful God,
when the chaos of natural disaster threatens to overtake us,
awaken our faith to know the power of your peace.
Deliver us from our fear and ease our anxiety.
Help us to endure the time of uncertainty
and give us strength to face the challenges ahead.
Give us the assurance of your presence even in this time
so that we can cling to your promise of hope and life shown to us
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

O God,
who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the troubled heart,
bring hope and courage to all
who are affected by this earthquake as we wait in uncertainty.
Bring assurance that you will be with us in whatever lies ahead.
Give us courage to endure all that we now face,
for you are our refuge and strength.
You are God, and we need you.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
(adapted from *ELW Pastoral Care*, page 174)

Prayer after disaster

Especially for those who were directly impacted by the earthquake.

Merciful God,
Hear our cry for mercy in the wake of the earthquake.
Reveal your presence in the midst of our suffering.
Help us to trust in your promises of hope and life
so that desperation and grief will not overtake us.
Come quickly to our aid that we may know peace and joy again.
Strengthen us in this time of trial
with the assurance of hope we know in the death and resurrection
of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer after disaster

Especially for those in areas that were not directly impacted by the earthquake.

Gracious God,
Your word of peace stills the storms that rage in our world.
Bring hope to places that know devastation in the calm after the earthquake.
Bring comfort to those who grieve the loss of loved ones and property.
Let your love be known through those who work to bring order in the chaos.
Help us to shoulder the burden of suffering
and make us bearers of the hope that can be found in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Additional Prayers for Sundays and Seasons Prayers of Intercession

January 17, 2010

O God,

we give you thanks for the revelation of your creative power in our world.

Reveal your love and hope

in the midst of the suffering and chaos in aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti.

Give strength and perseverance to those who offer aid and comfort.

Move us with your compassion to shoulder the burden of crisis with all your children.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

January 24, 2010

O God, you bring good news to those who are despairing.

Help us to hear the cries of those who are enduring trials and suffering because of the earthquake in Haiti.

Enliven all your children to respond with compassion, aid, and your care so that all may know the hope of your grace.

Fill us with the power of your Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

January 31, 2010

God of renewing love,

Sustain those who continue to suffer and rebuild after the earthquake in Haiti.

Bring hope in the midst of despair.

Grant patience and endurance to those who bring aid and assistance.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hymns and Songs

Additional hymns may be found in the LAMENT, HEALING, and HOPE, ASSURANCE sections of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymns.

ELW 404	Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove
ELW 405	O Spirit of Life
ELW 618	Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
ELW 626	By Gracious Powers
ELW 639	When We Are Living (Pues si vivimos)
ELW 698	How Long, O God
ELW 699	In Deepest Night
ELW 701	Once We Sang and Danced
ELW 702	You, Dear Lord (Tú, Señor, que brillas)
ELW 755	Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me
ELW 767	Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me