



*Statement
Earthquake & Tsunami in Japan*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is impossible to view the pictures coming out of Japan without feeling the desire to pray for the earthquake and tsunami victims, and to do something to help the survivors.

Crises such as this remind us of the fragility of life, as well as our common humanity and the connectedness we share with others through the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. So, let us pray in a special way for those who have lost loved ones and homes, and for the swift recovery of the Japanese people from this natural disaster. May those affected by this devastation experience God's love and be aware of his comforting and healing presence in the days and months to come.

In addition to prayer, each of us can assist in the recovery effort by donating to Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. Bishops' international aid agency. Information on how to contribute has already been sent to parishes. Please consult your parish bulletin or office for more information.

May Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, grant you peace.

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