

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

“May they be grounded in the love of God.”

And after the earthquake . . . a sound of sheer silence.

Then there came a voice . . . that said, “What are you doing here?” (1 Kings 19:12–13)

Please pray that through the response of the faith community, the people and communities affected by the Nepal earthquake and those offering assistance will be strengthened, have their needs met, and be reminded of the hope and compassion that are found in Christ.

Holy One, whose desire for all peoples is wholeness, life abundant, and peace:

Hear us as we pray in sorrow for lives lost and communities shattered by earthquakes and aftershocks in Nepal, India, and Bangladesh.

As your servant Elijah fled for his life into the wilderness and found bread for the journey, may survivors of this disaster find, in the outpouring of their neighbors’ care, shelter, sustenance, and companionship in the midst of horrors.

In the sheer silence that follows

When the cries for help are stilled

And the cameras and the news cycle have moved on to another tragedy,

May we not turn away;

but hear in the midst of quiet your still, small voice

calling us to bear witness

calling us to remember

calling us to bring ourselves to

a ministry of prayerful presence and potent generosity.

Let us have an answer when your voice inquires,

“What are you doing here, Elijah?”

Let us answer with our prayers

Let us answer with generous gifts

Let us join together, an international community of healing,

To rebuild, to restore, and in time, to rejoice

That in a world that suffers, Light still shines,

And darkness and dust shall not overcome it.

In the name of the Human One we pray, Amen.

Laurie A. Kraus, coordinator,

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas through our partner, ACT Alliance, and its members who are already on the ground. Immediate response will help provide needed food, water, supplies, and medicine to the impacted towns and villages. As long-term recovery plans are developed, PDA will accompany and further financially support our partners in the area to ensure a comprehensive recovery is sustained. Your gifts to PDA—large and small—will go to support the urgent needs and the long-term recovery of the survivors of this terrible earthquake, bearing witness to the love of God made tangible in the acts of God’s people.

The needs for the response will be great. God’s people are once again called on to stand in the GAP—Give. Act. Pray.

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GIVE—The scale of the disaster facing Nepal after the April 25 earthquake is becoming clearer. The quake and its aftershocks have left thousands of people dead and thousands more injured. Buildings have been reduced to rubble, and roads, bridges and communication systems have been severely damaged. Its effects have extended to India and other neighboring countries. God’s people are hurting, and we are called to serve them—through prayer, action, and support.

Will you stand in the GAP (Give/Act/Pray) to help survivors of the Nepal earthquake?

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