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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,  
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

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