



## Worship Resources Earthquake and Tsunami

*Prepared in response to the earthquake and tsunami in Japan on  
March 11, 2011.*

### *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  
and tsunami;  
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 and tsunami in Japan.

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 and tsunami.*

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 and tsunami.*

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.