

Haiti earthquake: A Prayer and Archbishop Rowan's Statement

Prayer for Haiti

O God, our refuge and strength,
we hold before you the nation and people of Haiti,
and pray for healing in the midst of tragedy and devastation.
Give comfort to the homeless, the bereaved and the suffering,
courage to survivors,
wisdom to those who seek to help,
and light to all who live in the shadow of death.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ,
our rock and our salvation. Amen

Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, has said:

"I am profoundly shocked and concerned to hear about the devastating earthquake in Haiti. As the news comes through, we are learning more about the tragic loss of life, injury suffered and terrible damage to the country. We stand alongside all the people in Haiti affected by this terrible disaster in prayer, thought and action as the situation unfolds. We pray for the rescue of those still trapped and look towards the rebuilding of lives and communities.

"I commend the swift action of the UK Government's Department for International Development and the relief agencies and churches in mobilising an emergency response. In this time of catastrophic loss and destruction, I urge the public to hold the people of Haiti in their prayers, and to give generously and urgently to funding appeals set up for relief work."

Malcolm Ede, the PCC Hon. Treasurer writes:

If you wish to make a donation via Holy Cross Church, please make any cheque payable to, "The Holy Cross Church PCC (Haiti Appeal)", and give the cheque to Malcolm Ede, Beth Morris, Jill Marsh, Peter Scully or Lorna Churn. Please do not forget to fill in an Income Tax Reclaim form, (available from Beth Morris or Malcolm Ede), if you are an Income Tax payer, as this could increase the value of your gift by c25%. It is the intention to pass all money collected through the Church Bank Account. Then a cheque, or cheques, for all the money collected will be sent to the, "Disasters Emergency Committee". This Appeal will be running for several weeks in January/February 2010.

Thank you for your help, Malcolm Ede, (Hon. Treasurer of the Holy Cross Church PCC).

PS An excellent £198.17+ gift aid. was collected on Sunday 17th January, 2010

