

A litany in time of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan

O Lord we weep with the people of Japan,
we hear the cries of those who have lost those they love
we are shocked by the silence of vanished villages and towns
we see the images of devastation beyond comprehension
we feel powerless in the face of such catastrophe
Hear us as we pray

For people who search for the ones they love
Lord hear us

Lord hear our prayer

For strength and courage for rescue workers
Lord hear us

Lord hear our prayer

For aid agencies and their work of mercy
Lord hear us

Lord hear our prayer

For those in fear of further earthquakes
Lord hear us

Lord hear our prayer

For those whose faith is tested
Lord hear us

Lord hear our prayer

For medical teams and their work with the injured
Lord hear us

Lord hear our prayer

For the government of Japan and their compassionate response
Lord hear us

Lord hear our prayer

God of the nations, open our hearts to feel your compassion and show your love to a suffering world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**