

**Prayers of the People
A Litany for Haiti**

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Leader Gracious God, the power of your creative Word
scattered stars throughout the universe;
you made the seas, winds, and dry lands,
and brought forth all living things.
You knelt in the mud, formed us from clay,
and with your Holy Spirit
breathed divine life into our fragile bodies.

We turn to you now, O God,
in prayer for our grief-stricken world,
for our sisters and brothers in Haiti,
crying aloud and saying,
You are our God, we are your people.

Leader The city of Port-au-Prince and other parts of Haiti have been devastated by
earthquakes and landslides. Calm the forces of nature and bring order of
your creation, we pray:

Response You are our God, we are your people.

Leader Rescue and relief workers, police officers, soldiers, doctors and health-
care workers struggle valiantly to save lives. Grant them strength and renew
them with your blessing, we pray:

Response You are our God, we are your people.

Leader Churches and missionaries serve the people of Haiti with faith and courage.
Protect them with your presence and guide them with your grace, we pray:

Response You are our God, we are your people.

Leader Haiti's leaders, our leaders, and those of many nations wrestle with complex
political and economic problems in this crisis. Guide them with your
wisdom, and give them insight and skill, we pray:

Response You are our God, we are your people.

Leader Our Church labors, even in the midst of disaster, to be a healing presence
among your people. We pray your blessing and strength upon Bishop Jean-
Zache Duracin, the priests and deacons, the missionaries and lay leaders,
and all the people of the Diocese of Haiti. Make them instruments of your
peace, we pray:

Response You are our God, we are your people.

Leader The chronic poverty of Haiti is a blight on the justice you desire for your world. Plant generosity, compassion, and new thinking, O God, the heart's of all people, we pray:

Response You are our God, we are your people.

Leader Countless numbers of your children are injured or sick. Many are traumatized and afraid. **Shield them from despair, bring healing to their broken bodies, and mend their wounded hearts, we pray.**

Response You are our God, we are your people.

Leader The people of Haiti and those who help them face a long road to recovery. Grant them calmness of heart, clarity of mind, and the strength of health and safety for the journey, we pray:

Response You are our God, we are your people.

Leader We pray for the departed and those who mourn: for those who died suddenly and unprepared, for those who suffered in death, for those now widowed and orphaned, for all who lost loved ones, for those who do not know the consolation of friends and family. Give them the peace of your perfect kingdom and the consolation of your love, we pray:

Response You are our God, we are your people.

Leader We thank you, God, for those who survived, for the generosity of those who serve as missionaries and relief workers, and for the abundant resources we have to share. Stir us to do your will in all that we undertake, we pray:

Response You are our God, we are your people.

Celebrant Almighty and Merciful God,
in Christ you make all things new.

In the darkness of unknowing,
when your love seems absent and your favor far away,
draw near to us, O God,
and quicken your Holy Spirit
to work within us,
through Jesus Christ,
the forsaken one,
the risen one,
our Redeemer and our Lord. Amen.