

## **For the Victims of the Great Earthquake of Eastern Japan**

Merciful God, our Father in Heaven, we mourn the many people who have lost their lives in the Great Earthquake of Eastern Japan. Lord, in your great mercy, please let them rest in peace. We also pray that those who are grieving over the loss of loved ones may, by your strength, and with your loving solace be able to continue with their lives.

With your loving hand, please support and protect those who have been scattered by the disaster; those who have lost their homes; the sick and injured, and those in a position of weakness, especially the disabled, the elderly, and foreigners.

Comfort the unhappy, distressed, and lonely and those who at the point of losing hope, and give them the courage and desire to live. We ask that the shelter they require is given to those who have been obliged to evacuate and are forced to live in uncomfortable conditions. Please also guide and sustain the people working towards the restoration of the disaster area, especially those who are engaged in dangerous work, (           ,           ,            ) .

With one accord we pray that we can find you, the consoling Lord, who is always with us.

We offer this prayer in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

(Written by the Worship Committee and approved by the Bishops Committee April 2011)