

The St. Thomas the Apostle Vestry encourages the entire parish to be generous in their prayers and donations for the unfolding tragedy in Haiti. Please donate *directly* to the Episcopal Relief and Development Haiti Fund and not to St. Thomas.

Help Haitians Devastated by the Earthquake

Following a catastrophic earthquake that struck Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on January 12, Episcopal Relief & Development is reaching out to the Diocese of Haiti to both address immediate needs and prepare for long-term rehabilitation work.

At least three million people are estimated to have been affected by the earthquake. Innumerable homes and major structures were destroyed. The Rev. Kesner Ajax, Executive Director of the Bishop Tharp Institute, said: "There is no Cathedral. The entire Holy Trinity complex is gone. The convent for the Sisters of St. Margaret is gone. The Bishop's house is gone. College St. Pierre is gone."

Episcopal Relief & Development has disbursed emergency funding to the Diocese of Haiti to help meet critical needs such as food, water and shelter for those affected. As communication improves and recovery plans develop, we will continue to provide updates. We are standing ready to support the country's ongoing recovery and rebuilding efforts in the days to come.

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori said in a statement on the earthquake, "Even



under 'normal' circumstances, Haiti struggles to care for her 9 million people. I urge your concrete and immediate prayers in the form of contributions to Episcopal Relief & Development, who are already working with the Diocese of Haiti to send aid where it is most needed."

Here's how you can help today:

1. **Pray** for people devastated by the earthquake.
2. **Give** to our **Haiti Fund** to help those most impacted.

Your partnership is critical in protecting the people in Haiti who are in a very vulnerable situation. Without your help, our work to reach those in need would not be possible.

Please donate to the **Haiti Fund** by filling out the coupon and mailing it with your check or credit card information. You may also call **800.334.7626, ext. 5129**, or visit **www.er-d.org**.

My Haiti Response

I want to follow Jesus' call to serve those who are suffering.

Enclosed is my gift to assist the people of Haiti:

- \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500
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Please make checks payable to **Episcopal Relief & Development**.

Mail to **P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058**. All gifts are tax-deductible.

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