



DISASTER NEWS

Haiti Earthquake

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is working to respond to the 7.0-magnitude earthquake in Haiti. Early reports indicate extensive property damage and terrible suffering among people trapped in collapsed buildings in a country already challenged by longtime political strife and poverty. Haiti is widely known as the poorest country in the western hemisphere.

“The unfolding drama in Haiti calls for unlimited mercy on the part of the people of the LCMS. The needs are urgent and overwhelming right now,” said Glenn F. Merritt, LCMS World Relief and Human Care director of disaster response. “I appeal to God’s people to respond as generously as possible during this most difficult time.”

LCMS WR-HC is working cooperatively with Lutheran World Relief, LCMS World Mission, Haitian missionaries, partner churches, and the LCMS Florida-Georgia District to provide relief in a timely fashion. Funds are urgently needed to help Haitians who have lost loved ones and homes.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pray! Please pray for those in harm’s way, who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods. Please pray that Lutheran disaster response efforts touch many lives with God’s hope and mercy.

Connect! To learn more, visit www.lcms.org/worldrelief.

Give! Donations are urgently needed! Your gifts will allow disaster response efforts in Haiti.

- Mail checks to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, noting “Haiti Earthquake Relief” to:
LCMS World Relief and Human Care
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis MO 63166-6861
- Phone toll-free 888-930-4438
- Online at <http://givenowlcms.org>

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HEARTS OF PRAYER
**THE LOVING PARTNERSHIP
 OF PRAYING IN FAMILIES**
 Letting God Break Into the Heart of Our Family
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INTRODUCTION

A Powerful Prayer Point:

*If you truly fall in love with God, you will fall in love with prayer.
And when you fall in love with prayer, you will fall even more
in love with God.*

John Guest:

Just as a husband and wife live out their lives against the backdrop of being married, so do we live out the entirety of our lives against the backdrop of a constant relationship with God. He is always there, always loving us, always ready to listen to us. As we recognize His unwavering commitment to us, we are able to live in the day-to-day adventure of His presence. We enjoy the dialogue. It’s as if we say: “Oh, I must talk to Him about this!”

I. THE POWER OF A PRAYING _____

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

II. THE POWER OF A PRAYING _____

Zechariah 4:12-14

Again I asked him, "What are these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil?" 13 He replied, "Do you not know what these are?" "No, my lord," I said. 14 So he said, "These are the two who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth."

Proverbs 31:10-12

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. 11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. 12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

III. THE POWER OF A PRAYING _____

Lamentations 2:19a

Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children...

IV. THE POWER OF A PRAYING _____

Matthew 18:3-4

I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

CONCLUSION