



To: Rev. Shoko Aminaka  
General Secretary  
National Christian Council in Japan

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**To the people in Kumamoto, the island of Kyushu, Japan, and to sisters and brothers in the  
National Christian Council of Japan**

Dear Rev. Shoko Aminaka,

Our concerns and fervent prayers are with you as the earth continues to convulse with aftershocks since the very strong earthquake that came last night. It is terrifying to have to flee from your homes in the dark of the night, not knowing where to go or what is coming. We grieve for you all in this trauma and time of loss, and especially for those who have lost loved ones or are struggling with serious injuries. Although we are relieved there is no indication of tsunami which would, as we know, cause even greater havoc, we know this is not a comfort to those who are grieving and shocked by the earthquake. So please know that we stand by you in your grief.

We pray for strength for all those involved in rescue and relief efforts, as they struggle with the sight of destruction and pain, and for those who are in positions of authority, that they will have special gifts of organizational ability to direct those who are working desperately.

"Oh, that I had the wings of a dove," said the Psalmist, "I would fly away and be at rest. I would hurry to my place of shelter, far from the tempest and storm." (Psalm 55: 6,8). In the midst of the turmoil of life, however, that is where God is, and so we pray that all will be sustained with God's comfort in this time.

In solidarity,

Rev. Dr. Kim Young Ju,  
General Secretary

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Rev. Yoon Kil Soo  
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