

**The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori**, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church has issued the following statement concerning the January 12 earthquake in Haiti: The people of Haiti have suffered a devastating earthquake, and it is already clear that many have died and many more are injured. Even under "normal" circumstances, Haiti struggles to care for her 9 million people.

*The nation is the poorest in the western hemisphere, and this latest disaster will set back many recent efforts at development. I urge your prayers for those who have died, been injured, and are searching for loved ones - and 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.*

As the crisis unfolds, we are working with Diocese of Haiti to provide critical, life saving assistance such as food, water and medicine, as well as long-term recovery and rehabilitation aid in the aftermath of the January 12 earthquake.

[Donate now to Episcopal Relief & Development's Haiti Fund.](#) Be as generous as you can and please join me in praying for the safety and welfare of those in Haiti struggling to survive this terrible crisis. Yours faithfully,

Robert W. Radtke  
President, Episcopal Relief & Development