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SUBJECT: Typhoon Hagibis - Sincere Condolences and Prayers

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Once again the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT) write to express our concern and condolences for the devastating effects of the typhoon Hagibis - the worse to hit your country in 60 years. From the media news reports we saw the typhoon has affected eight prefectures across Japan from Mie in the west, to Iwate in the north, and we understand flooding has been worst in Nagano prefecture.

We understand that at least 40 deaths have been reported however, other citizens are unaccounted for as the large scale rescue work continues under extreme conditions. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the families who grieve the parting of loved ones in such difficult circumstances. **Psalm 29:11 (NRSV) May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

The PCT family as ever assures you of our prayers for the victims and also for the government, military, police officers, firefighters, coastguards, volunteers involved in the disaster response. We know how tense, demanding and stressful such service is. Once the waters recede there is also the major clean up and rehabilitation of households and other properties and more importantly the healing of families and communities.

After you have had time to evaluate the needs in your communities and churches do inform us so we can disseminate the information through our Church and Society Committee which handles disaster response.

Sincerely yours in Christ

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