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*PROK Prayer of concern and support for Taiwan's earthquake survivors
and solidarity with the PCT's humanitarian work*

We are deeply concerned and express our sincerest sympathy to all who have been affected by intensity 6.4 magnitude earthquake on the night of February 6, in Taiwan. We have been informed by your information bulletin that as of February 8 there were four fatalities, 219 injured and 173 persons unaccounted for, at the time of writing.

Also we know that the tedious search and rescue operations have been done for the last few days and that the government, various NGOs and the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT) have mobilized its personnel and resources in supporting relief and rehabilitation work for all those who are homeless and those needing medical and health services.

We share with you the faith and confidence that, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the seas; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble in tumult. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." (Psalm 46: 1-3, 11).

Since the earthquake occurred last week, the PROK have been interceding to our gracious and loving God to uphold and strengthen the hands of the PCT disaster response team especially those who tirelessly work in the rescue centers and all the church leaders in the affected local communities and the four presbyteries: East Presbytery, Truku Presbytery, Pangcah (Amis) Presbytery and Bunun Presbytery.

As the Lunar New Year approaches, the PROK churches will be encouraged to pray for all victims and survivors of natural calamities, as South Koreans are no longer exempt from experiencing earthquakes and we are aware of what it takes to face their consequences, just like what happened last year and another one few days ago in Pohang City.

We express our solidarity and deep concern for all who suffer and share their hopes for healing and restoration. May God's love and peace be with you all.

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