

- **PRAYER FOR THE PHILIPPINES**

- We pray that our Lord will give an extraordinary amount of wisdom, steadfast spirit, keen insight, quickness to respond and political will among the national, regional and local government officials in mapping out and implementing a sustained plan of action for relief, rescue and rehabilitation. Pray that the Lord will give them the mind of Joseph who knew how to direct the people when the seven years of famine struck Egypt. Such was his wisdom that no one lacked. Pray that the millions of aid will be wisely distributed and allocated.

O compassionate God, Hear our prayer

- We pray for the Philippines Rapid Response Team to be able to carry out relief assistance and to provide comfort, prayers and support to the afflicted children, their families and local churches. We pray for the safety and health of the officials as they are in Tacloban, Cebu and Leyte to carry out relief work.

O loving God, hear the prayers of your people

- We pray that the Lord will give our Filipino brothers and sisters an unwavering faith in the Lord and that they will receive timely help in terms of food, water, medicines and a safe place to sleep for the weeks and months ahead.

O merciful God, come to their aid.

- We pray that the overseas military personnel sent to help will be able to quickly train Filipino local officials so that all affected towns and provinces will receive timely relief help. We pray that the aircraft sent to airlift goods and supplies will be safe and will help bring food especially to those towns where people have not eaten for days.

O bountiful God, be with your people.

- We pray for miracles of healing to those who are ill, We pray that the body of Christ in the Philippines, represented by the thousands of local churches will be a source of sustained blessing to the typhoon victims, in word and deed.

O God hear these our prayers today. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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