## **RESPONDING TO HURRICANE MATTHEW**



**Episcopal Relief & Development** invites you to join us in prayer for communities in the Caribbean and the US affected by Hurricane Matthew.

Episcopal Relief & Development is in contact with our partners in the hurricane's path to best support responses and address needs as more information becomes available. Local churches and partners are assessing damage, confirming the safety of members and others in their communities and using available facilities and resources to respond to immediate concerns.

Your contribution to the Hurricane Matthew Response Fund helps Episcopal Relief & Development support Church and other local partners as they provide critical emergency assistance. To help care for those affected by this crisis, please fill out the coupon below and mail it in with your check or credit card information. You can also contribute online at <a href="mailto:episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-matthew-response">episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-matthew-response</a>.

Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are healing a hurting world.

## A Prayer for First Responders

Blessed are you, Lord, God of mercy, who through your Son gave us a marvelous example of charity and the great commandment of love for one another. Send down your blessings on these your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work. When the alarm sounds and they are called to aid both friend and stranger, let them faithfully serve you in their neighbor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

- Adapted from the Book of Blessings, #587, by Diana Macalintal

## Enclosed is my gift to the Hurricane Matthew Fund to assist those who are in need.

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