

The Indonesian Earthquake and Tsunami (September 28, 2018)

Originally written on the afternoon of Sept. 29 while sitting in Toronto airport.

God of mercy, look upon the people of Indonesia with care and compassion as an earthquake and tsunami have struck Palu on Sulawesi Island.

We remember before you those families who grieve the loss of loved ones, grant them your comfort.

We pray for those whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed, grant them hopeful resilience.

We remember those charged with burying the dead, and those called to heal the injured, grant them strength and perseverance.

We thank you for the rapid response of Indonesian relief teams, grant them understanding and patience as they work in difficult circumstances.

We pray for The Christian Church of Central Sulawesi (Gereja Kristen Sulawesi Tengah GKST) as its congregations grieve and seek to live your grace and love in the midst of this tragedy.

By your spirit, move the hearts of governments and individuals around the world to show care and compassion in providing aid.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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