

## **Prayer for Haiti**

*Psalm 10:1, 12, 17-18*

Leader: Why, O Lord, do you stand afar off?

People: Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

Leader: Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;

People: Forget not the afflicted.

Leader: O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted;

People: You will strengthen their heart;

Leader: You will incline your ear;

People: to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed.

Leader: O Lord, hear us;

People: Our voices join the mournful songs and prayers rising above the ruins of the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince.

Leader: O Lord, we believe;

People:: That you hear the cries of the trapped and the injured. You cradle the dying. You know the pain of the grief-stricken and the searching.

Leader: O Lord, we ask you;

People: To pour comfort on your children who sorrow and sigh. Calm all panic and despair. Strengthen the weary hands of rescuers and medical workers.

Leader: O Lord, forgive us;

People:: and, by your grace, hasten our response to the poverty and greed that render so many helpless in the face of disaster. In Jesus' name. Amen.