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## **Telegram of the Holy Father, signed by the Cardinal Secretary of State, for the victims of the earthquake in Japan**

The following is the telegram of condolence for the victims of the earthquake that occurred in Japan, sent on behalf of the Holy Father Francis by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin;

### **Telegram**

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS WAS DEEPLY SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE LOSS OF LIFE AND DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE EARTHQUAKE IN THE ISHIKAWA PREFECTURE. HE ASSURES EVERYONE AFFECTED BY THIS DISASTER OF HIS HEARTFELT SOLIDARITY AND SPIRITUAL CLOSENESS, AND PRAYS ESPECIALLY FOR THE DEAD, THOSE WHO MOURN THEIR LOSS, AND FOR THE RESCUE OF ANY PERSONS STILL MISSING. THE HOLY FATHER OFFERS ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AS THEY ASSIST THE VICTIMS OF THIS TRAGEDY, AND WILLINGLY INVOKES UPON ALL THE DIVINE BLESSINGS OF CONSOLATION AND STRENGTH.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN  
SECRETARY OF STATE