

POPE LEO XIV MESSAGE FOR NEPAL AND TIBET

Alleviate the suffering of Nepal and Tibet

Following the appeal for Haiti, Pope Leo assured those affected by the devastating flooding in Nepal and Tibet of his prayers. He invited the faithful to pray for those who have died, the injured and missing, their families, and the rescuers involved in the ongoing emergency response.

“May everyone’s concern and commitment,” he prayed, “help to alleviate suffering and bring the necessary assistance to the affected populations.”

The Vatican announced Saturday that Pope Leo, through the Dicastery for the Service of Charity, had sent financial assistance to Caritas Nepal to help meet the most urgent needs of people affected by the disaster.

Death toll exceeds 700 and thousands displaced

In coordination with the Apostolic Nunciature of Nepal, the Pope’s contribution will support Caritas Nepal, which operates under the direction of the Apostolic Vicariate, in its relief efforts. These began in the first hours following the disaster and include providing food, basic necessities, and shelter to people who have lost everything.

Relief operations are continuing as the death toll in the affected regions rises, with more than 700 people reported dead between Nepal and Tibet and at least 3,000 still missing.

In a telegram sent Thursday and signed by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin, Pope Leo expressed his sorrow over the loss of life and widespread destruction. He commended the souls of those who died “to the clemency of the Almighty” and offered his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved.

He also assured those affected by the disaster of his spiritual closeness and prayed for the emergency personnel engaged in ongoing search-and-rescue operations.