



Anglican Church of Australia

Primate: The Right Reverend Dr Mark Short

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Primate's Statement on Nepal

Anglicans across Australia are deeply concerned in light of the destruction and loss of life caused by flooding in Nepal.

I ask for Anglicans to join in prayer for the nation of Nepal: For those who are grieving; for those involved in rescue and relief work; for medical and nursing staff; for the local people and visitors; for the government of Nepal and for international relief efforts.

I commend to you this prayer from Archbishop Kanishka Raffel:

*Sovereign Lord and heavenly Father, in whose hands are life and death,
Our hearts ache for the families waiting for news of loved ones caught in
the Nepal flash floods.*

*Preserve life, O Lord. May many of the missing be found safe and returned
to their homes.*

*Grant strength, endurance and skill to emergency workers and search
teams. May they reach many who are still alive.*

*We pray especially for Australian tourists caught up in this disaster, and for
Nepali Australians with loved ones in the affected areas.*

*In the midst of uncertainty, grant them courage. Be their refuge and
strength in this time of distress and sorrow, O Lord.*

Amen.

Below are links to two flood appeals. I encourage Australian Anglicans to give generously.

<https://www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-emergency/nepal-flash-flood-2026/>

<https://ardfa.org.au/world-floods>

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