



## **Condolences of His Holiness Patriarch Kirill over the earthquake in western Turkey**

*His Holiness Kirill, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, has expressed condolences to President of the Republic of Turkey Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan over the death toll caused by a destructive earthquake in the Izmir Province.*

**His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**

**President**

**Republic of Turkey**

Your Excellency, dear Mr. President,

With pain in my heart I have learnt about the destructive earthquake in the Izmir Province. The element has taken the lives of people and many of the victims happened to lie in hospitals and caused a considerable damage to apartment houses, city facilities and infrastructure. Please accept my sincere condolences.

I am grieving together with the Turkish people and the relatives and loved ones of the victims. Please convey them the words of consolation and support, and my wishes of a speedy recovery to the injured, and physical and spiritual fortitude to those who are working to remove the debris.

With profound condolences,

**+ Kirill**

**Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia**