



## **His Holiness Patriarch Kirill's condolences over earthquake in Japan**

*His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia expressed his condolences over the earthquake in Japan.*

His Excellency Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan

**Your Excellency, dear Mr. Prime Minister,**

It was with deep grief that I learned about an earthquake that had occurred in the Kumamoto Prefecture, on the island of Kyushu. The devastating natural disaster claimed the lives of over forty people and left more than two thousand people injured. Please accept my sincere condolences over the hard ordeal that has befallen the people of Japan.

May the Lord grant spiritual fortitude to the relatives and friends of those killed and the soonest recovery to the injured. May the strength and courage never leave all those who are working hard to cope with the tragic aftermath of this disaster.

With condolences,

**+KIRILL**

**Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia**