



## **His Holiness Patriarch Kirill's condolences over earthquake in China's Yunnan province**

*His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia expressed his condolences to Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, over a devastating earthquake in south-west China.*

**His Excellency Mr. XI JINPING**

**President**

**People's Republic of China**

Your Excellency,

My heart grieved when I learned about the earthquake in Yunnan province. The natural disaster has claimed lives of many people, left thousands homeless and has considerably damaged the infrastructure of the province.

I am confident that in these days hard for the country, the authorities are doing everything necessary to overcome the aftermaths of the earthquake and that the Chinese people, always characterized by solidarity and mutual assistance, will together endure the ordeal that has befallen them.

Sincerely sympathizing with the citizens of the People's Republic of China, I lift up my prayers for the soonest healing of the injured and ask God to grant strength to all those who are working selflessly at the site of the tragedy.

With deep condolences,

**+KIRILL**

**PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA**