



Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church condoles upon the earthquake in New Zealand

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia expressed his condolences to the Prime Minister of New Zealand John Kee over the earthquake in Christchurch. The text of his message is given below.

Your Excellency:

It was with profound sorrow that I received news of the earthquake in Christchurch that took away many human lives, caused pain and suffering, and deprived thousand of shelter. I would like to express my most sincere sympathy to the near and dear of the victims and to assure You and the entire people of New Zealand in prayerful support of the Russian Orthodox Church during this hard time.

May the All-Merciful Lord rest the souls of the dead, heal the wounded and console all those who have suffered from the destructive natural disaster. Let our hope for the survival of people still under ruins be firm.

With deep condolences,

+Kirill

Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia