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Dear Children of God,

Whenever a disaster strikes, the people of the world tend to doubt the existence of an ever merciful, Almighty Being, who is the ultimate controller of this world.

As representatives of our various faiths, it is our role to uphold and fortify the convictions of them all. The mercy of God is paramount. We must never forget that whatever He destines for us is always for our good, regardless of whether we can see it or not. An ever greater tragedy may have befallen us, from which He has saved us all.

I am encouraged to hear that you all have gathered at Shree Swaminarayan Temple Bolton to offer prayers and demonstrate your heartfelt, deepest condolences and sympathy to the people of Japan, due to the powerful earthquake and tsunami that tragically struck the country last Friday. This was a natural disaster beyond imagination.

In union, let us all pray for the spiritual welfare of all those who have deceased in this tragedy. May the almighty Lord Swaminarayan and Gurudev Shree Muktajeevan Swamibapa provide spiritual strength to all the survivors, injured and affected. This is a sad period of time for all the Japanese people, and we all share their sorrow and hurt.

We offer a pray to the almighty Lord to give continued strength and wisdom to all the leaders and people of Japan, so that the Nation is able to recover swiftly from this dire event.

I also pray that you all, honourable servants of the Almighty Lord, continue to work, helping the community, with the merciful Lord directing and helping you.

With diving blessings

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