

In response to the devastating impact of Typhoon Sendong (Washi) that struck southern Philippines on Friday, December 16, we ask you to join with us in prayer. Washi has claimed the lives close to a thousand people in Visayas and Mindanao, particularly in the cities of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan. Over 300,000 people have been affected.

A prayer for the people of the Philippines

God of the Heavens, God of the Earth, God with us:

You have entered into our world and you know our joys and sorrows.

Today we pray for the men, women and children of the Philippines who have lost their lives, and for all who have lost their livelihood.

We pray for those who are bereaved; for those who are injured; for those who gathered to celebrate, and now will mourn.

Our God, strengthen the resolve of our partner church, the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, to bring hope and healing.

As Love is born this Christmas, we ask that Love be born anew in our lives, standing with our neighbours to bring light from darkness.

God of the Heavens, God of the Earth, God with us:

Be present with your people.

Amen