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Disaster and Famine Relief

War, refugees, floods, famine, drought, earthquakes, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions.

Most of us are not faced with the reality of these disasters. We don't know how devastating they can be. How a few minutes or hours can change our lives irrevocably, leaving loved ones dead, houses destroyed, and hope gone. We don't know how years of famine and war can wear down our bodies and weaken our souls.

For us, these disasters are only news reports. We are blessed to live in a peaceful and safe nation like Canada. So many others are not so blessed.

Isaiah 1:17 tell us to *“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.^[a] Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.”* (NIV)

When we see the news, we may not think we can do anything, but we can. We can pray. We can also reach out to help those affected by generously sharing our means.

Each year, the church dedicates one offering, the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering, which is today's offering, to give our brothers and sisters who are suffering the help that they need.

The offering collected today will be given to ADRA Canada to provide food, water, shelter, and other essential items.

Your compassion today will save lives.

‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’