

Act Now

We pray, loving God, that we might respond
...to be a world that helps, now, and in the days to come.

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Southern Africa Devastation: Cyclone Idai

Over 2.6 million people have been impacted by Cyclone Idai—severe flooding, ruined crops, thousands injured, entire communities swept away.

What You Can Do

- **Donate** to provide immediate support and long-term rebuilding for those affected by Cyclone Idai.
- **Pray** for those affected and those engaged in relief efforts.

Visit www.united-church.ca/cyclone-idai
to donate and learn more.

United Church Mission & Service partners in the region and ACT Alliance are coordinating relief and reconstruction efforts.

Note on face of cheque: "Emergency Response—Cyclone Idai"



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Prayer in Response to Cyclone Idai

When the rains come down,
and the winds circle around,
it can be cause for joy,
God of all creation.

But, when the winds are so high,
that they rip roofs off of homes,
and the water pours down in torrents,
there is no joy,
only loss
and death.

We pray for those killed
when Cyclone Idai battered
Mozambique, Malawi & Zimbabwe.
We pray for the survivors,
clinging to trees and high places,
away from the high waters,
waiting for rescue.

We pray for those who are doing
all that they can,
with the resources they have,
to save as many as they can,
knowing that they need more,
to help more.

We pray for those grieving,
the deaths of those they love and
the loss of livelihood and home.

May help come, and may it come quickly—
that safety would be found,
and rebuilding would begin.
We pray, loving God,
that we might respond,
with all that we have, and who we are,
out of our security and our abundance,
to be a world that helps,
now,
and in the days to come.

We pray for Mozambique,
We pray for Zimbabwe,
We pray for Malawi
their people,
their land,
their life.

Amen.

—Prayer by the Right Rev. Richard Bott