

**Prayer Service for Tsunami Victims
Stauffer Chapel
January 25, 2005**

Call to Prayer – D’Esta Love, University Chaplain

We gather today to remember and to pray.

In sorrow and with anguish of heart we remember those who are the victims of the Tsunami in SE Asia.

On behalf of the suffering we come to lament and cry out to our God for help.

With compassion and humility we bow before our God – maker of heaven and earth and sustainer of all living things. We offer the prayers of our hearts.

In your mercy, Hear our prayers, O Lord.

Introduction to the service – D’Esta Love

This evening we will enter a season of prayer together. We have designated five movements of prayer to help guide our petitions before God. A designated person will come to the microphone to begin each prayer. There will be a pause to allow time for you to continue the prayer standing or sitting where you are. We will be praying for the survivors who have lost family, friends and possessions. The second prayer will be for the children who have been orphaned followed by prayers for the countries as they rebuild. We will then pray for the relief organizations and their workers and conclude with prayers for our efforts of supporting, fundraising and sending people to help.

At precisely 4:58, which is the time the earthquake began we will interrupt our prayers for a period of silence. When it is time, I will ring a bell to signal our silent remembrance. If you are praying just pause and wait. I will ring the bell again after a two minute period of silence.

Scott Lambert will begin our prayer for the survivors who have lost family, friends and possessions.

Movements of Prayer

Scott Lambert: --survivors who have lost family, friends, and possessions

Eli Graham: --children who have been left orphaned

Kym Dildine: --countries as they rebuild

Mark Davis: --Relief organizations and relief workers

Seth Allingham:--Our efforts of support, fundraising, and sending people to help

Benediction – D’Esta Love

Give ear to our prayers, O God. In your mercy pour out through us and those who call on your name your compassion, your limitless mercy and your abundant grace. Bring healing to the land and the sea, restoration to all living things, comfort to all who mourn, hope to all who have experienced loss, and strength and resolve to all who offer help. May we not grow weary in our commitment to prayer and our acts of loving kindness. O God, your steadfast love is better than life. Therefore, we will trust in you. In the name of Jesus, Amen