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## **Earthquake in Italy: Prelate's request**

Bishop Javier Echevarría has asked us to pray for the victims of the quake in central Italy and to provide whatever assistance is possible.

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On receiving news of the earthquake that early on August 24 struck areas in central Italy and caused numerous deaths and injuries, among them many women and children, Bishop Javier Echevarría has asked the faithful of the Prelature of Opus Dei

to unite themselves to Pope Francis' intentions: "asking God to console the hearts of those who are suffering: to grant them peace!"

"During these painful moments," the Prelate said, "let us pray for those who have lost their lives, for the injured and those experiencing material damages, and for their families. May our human and spiritual concern reach each and every one of them."

The Prelate said: "I especially ask the faithful and friends of the Prelature who live close to these areas to do all they can to assist efforts to bring aid to those affected by the quake. "

*Pope Francis suspends August 24 general audience and prays Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary for victims*

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