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## **Appeal for Relief and Rehabilitation for the Victims of Landslide Disaster in Wayanad**

**Dear Rev Corepiscopoi, Rev Fathers, Religious Sisters, and dear Faithful of our  
Eparchy,**

**Cordial greetings to you in the name of the Triune God.**

It is with great shock and pain that we learned of the sad news of the tragic landslide and its horrific effects that happened recently in Wayanad. Three villages were swept away. Hundreds of people have died, and many are still missing. Innumerable houses were destroyed, and people were displaced. In this tragic situation, it is our Christian responsibility to reach out to the suffering people in Wayanad. We have received a request from the Bishop of Bathery for relief and rehabilitation. Therefore, I appeal to all of you to make an extra effort to raise funds for this purpose.

We kindly request you to make an extra effort to raise funds for this vital cause. Your donations will support essential relief activities, which include providing shelter, food, medical aid, and rebuilding homes. Cheques can be written to the Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the USA and Canada, with a memo for the Wayanad Disaster Relief Fund. Donations are eligible for tax exemption.

Please forward your contributions to the Finance Officer of our Eparchy by 21 August 2024. Your support will be consolidated and sent to the Eparchy of Bathery, which will coordinate the relief efforts.

I'm soliciting your sincere cooperation and support. Please pray for the affected people and the region where natural catastrophes happen often.

**In Jesus Christ,**

**+ Philipos Mar Stephanos  
Bishop of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Eparchy in the USA & Canada  
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