

Prasanthi Council

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Dear Brothers and Sisters, Om Sri Sai Ram.

I am deeply saddened by the news of a 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Nepal at 11:56 AM on 25th April 2015. The natural disaster wreaked havoc on a massive scale. CNN reported that, as of last count, more than 1,800 people have lost their lives, and thousands have been rendered homeless and destitute. The densely populated capital city, Kathmandu, home to over a million people, has been ravaged by the earthquake. Entire streets and squares in Kathmandu are covered with debris, and the full effects of the natural disaster have not yet been assessed.

The Sathya Sai International Organisation (SSIO) of Nepal sprang into action immediately after the earthquake. As you may know, the SSIO always responds quickly and provides loving service during such natural disasters. At this time, it is important for the SSIO to assess the situation and the best possible ways to serve the victims of the earthquake. The SSIO Disaster Relief Committee, under the leadership of Mr. John Behner and Dr. Jack Feely are looking into this matter immediately, in conjunction with the SSIO of Nepal, under the direction of Dr. V.K. Ravindran, Chairman of Zone 4. Initial relief efforts will focus on taking care of the immediate needs of the disaster victims, including medical care, food, water, basic supplies, and clean-up. Our commitment is also long-term and based on love, as it has been in Haiti and the Philippines.

The teams will provide recommendations to the SSIO on further steps. I request all Sathya Sai volunteers and leaders to provide full support and cooperation to the Disaster Relief Committee and the Zone 4 volunteers for this work. The SSIO will support this work in all earnest.

We will provide further information on how you can participate in the Nepal disaster relief efforts through the contribution of your time, skills, and resources.

In the meantime, let us all pray to our Lord, Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba to alleviate the pain and suffering caused by the massive loss of life and property to our dear brothers and sisters in Nepal.

Jai Sai Ram.

Lovingly in the service of Sai, Narendranath Reddy, M.D. Chairman, Prasanthi Council