

# Turkey Syria Earthquake Emergency Special Collection

## March 4-5, 2023

In response to the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria, the Diocese of Fort Worth will take up a special collection **all Masses March 4-5, 2023.**

The USCCB International Justice and Peace Chairman called for peace and assistance in his February statement, "In a region that has experienced much conflict and hardship, these heartbreaking scenes call out to us to provide aid and assistance to our brothers and sisters in need. I call upon the faithful to give generously to Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association who are working to provide emergency humanitarian relief."

The Diocese of Fort Worth has created a special fund specifically for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake. Please communicate to parishioners that a donation to earthquake victims must be designated in the check memo line or given online at: <https://bit.ly/TurkeySyriaCollection> (case sensitive).

In addition to the Sunday collection during weekend Masses on March 4-5, donations can also be made online at: <https://bit.ly/TurkeySyriaCollection> (case sensitive).

**Due to the immediate need, please remit funds for this special collection no later than April 11.** Thank you for your generous stewardship to the emergency special collection for those displaced by these earthquakes.

### General Information for Parish Business Managers

Collection Date	March 4-5, 2023
Date Funds Due to Diocese	April 11, 2023
Intacct Account Number	214001
Intacct Fund Number	28204
Give Online	<a href="https://bit.ly/TurkeySyriaCollection">https://bit.ly/TurkeySyriaCollection</a> (case sensitive)
Text to Give	Text TURKEY to 817-402-3525

### Promotional Information

#### **Bulletin/Website/Social Media Announcements English**

**\*\* Consider including the attached double-sided English and Spanish flyer in bulletins\*\***

#### **Week Before the Collection (February 25-26)**

Next week, our parish will take up an emergency special collection for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake victims. Your donations will be supporting Catholic Relief Services in Turkey and Syria where extensive damage has been reported. CRS is currently caring for displaced people in safe shelters and distributing hot meals, hygiene supplies and winter items. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this emergency special collection for our international brothers and sisters in Christ. If you can, please give next weekend, online at <https://bit.ly/TurkeySyriaCollection> (case sensitive), or by texting TURKEY to 817-402-3525.



**Week of the Collection (March 4-5)**

This week, we are taking up an emergency special collection for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake victims. Catholic Relief Services has been on the ground helping survivors with food, shelter and protection from the winter elements. If you can, please give today during our second collection. Be sure to note "Earthquake" on your check memo or envelope to ensure it reaches the victims directly. You can also text TURKEY to 817-402-3525 or give online at <https://bit.ly/TurkeySyriaCollection> (case sensitive).

**Week After the Collection (March 11-12)**

Thank you for your generous support of the emergency special collection for the victims of the Turkey and Syria Earthquake. They are receiving food, shelter and protection from the winter elements thank to our generosity. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Simply note "Earthquake" on your check or envelope and add it to the collection by April 10 or give online at <https://bit.ly/TurkeySyriaCollection> (case sensitive) or by texting the word TURKEY to 817-402-3525.

***Pulpit Announcement for Week of Appeal***

Today, we take up an emergency special collection for communities affected by the Earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the collection today. As we prayed in the psalms today, *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.* May his mercy be on the survivors and caretakers who will receive our charity. Please give generously today to help the victims of this devastating earthquake.

***General Intercession***

For the people of Turkey and Syria, whose lives were instantly shattered by two strong earthquakes, that they find comfort through the pain of losing loved ones, homes and more, we pray to the Lord,

If you have any questions about this special collection, please contact Rachel Martinez, CFRE, Director of Annual Giving and Grants of the Advancement Foundation, at 817-382-4939 or [rmartinez@adv-fdn.org](mailto:rmartinez@adv-fdn.org)