

# Baltimore Bridge Collapse Prayer Guide



**The collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge into Baltimore Harbor has caused major trauma across Baltimore and will cause major economic impact on the area.**

The current Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR) response (as of 3/27/24):

1. Maryland-Delaware SBDR, in partnership with the Salvation Army, has feeding teams and a mobile kitchen on standby for potential response after search & rescue is completed to feed workers who will be clearing bridge debris from the harbor to re-open shipping lanes. The workers will be working 24-hour shifts.
2. Maryland-Delaware SBDR is conducting a spiritual and emotional care workshop at one of the Baptist churches in the area on Thursday (3/28/24) to equip church members in caring for their neighbors.
3. The Maryland- Delaware Baptist Convention has been in contact with Southern Baptist churches in the area who have offered to provide coffee and snacks to churches who feel led to open their buildings as hospitality centers where people can gather to be with neighbors, have a place to pray, and have someone to talk to. Maryland-Delaware has offered SBDR chaplains if these centers open.
4. Send Relief has also offered Maryland-Delaware SBDR support if it is needed.

Maryland-Delaware DR Director Ellen Udovich has asked for prayer:

- For the families of the workers currently lost in the harbor waters.
- For the search and rescue workers risking their lives in the search efforts.
- For the workers who will be cleaning up the bridge debris in the coming days.
- For the Baltimore community who is experiencing the trauma of this disaster in their community.
- For all the businesses, workplaces, and jobs that will be impacted by this event and the families that rely on these jobs to support their families.
- For local churches and Baptist Disaster Relief to offer the hope and healing of Christ to their communities.