Dear Creator,

We marvel at the rhythms and seasons of this incredible earth

but this year we also lament the intensity and volume of the monsoon rains,

taking the lives, livelihoods and homes of our sisters and brothers.

 We pray for the hundreds of thousands who were caught up in the flood waters;

for those traumatised by being trapped, we pray for healing

for those shocked by the devastation, we pray for comfort

for those who are still stuck or stranded, we pray for rescue

for those who have lost everything, we pray for provision

for those who have lost loved ones,

we pray for the peace that passes understanding and

for those waiting in relief camps, we pray for protection from disease.

We give thanks for the many agencies coming together to help,

including Christian Aid partners on the ground,

thank you for their immediate, practical response.

We pray that they would have all the supplies and resources

to provide shelter, safe drinking water and sanitation to all who have such need

and we pray for the restoration work to take place quickly and effectively.

We pray for a huge, compassionate international response,

as we witness these ‘worst in a century’ floods,

help us recognise it is in these times we need stand together

as one human family with our sisters and brothers.

In your name we pray, Amen.

(Prayer from Children Aide)