



PRAY THE NEWS

Hurricane Melissa made landfall in Jamaica on 28 October as one of the strongest storms on record.

With winds exceeding 280 km/h, it caused catastrophic damage — uprooting trees, destroying homes, and knocking out power to over half a million people.

Western Jamaica, known as the nation's breadbasket, was hit hardest. Crops were flattened, threatening food supply and exports.

The roof of Black River Hospital was torn off, and at least four people have died. St John's Anglican Church in Black River and Lacovia St. Thomas Church were both destroyed.

The Anglican Church is coordinating a local response, supported by the Anglican Alliance.

Melissa has also caused flooding and loss of life in Haiti and Cuba. Communities already hit by Hurricane Beryl earlier this year are now facing a long and painful recovery.

TODAY, WE PRAY THE NEWS FOR JAMAICA.

- We pray for those grieving loss, cut off by flooding, or facing homelessness; may they find comfort and safety.
- We pray for strength and wisdom for Anglican congregations serving their neighbours and coordinating with wider relief efforts.
- We pray for farmers and workers in Jamaica's west whose crops and incomes have been destroyed, that recovery will come swiftly and equitably.