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My Dear Fellow SGI-USA Members,

I extend my deepest sympathy for the tragedies and sufferings caused by hurricane Katrina.

It breaks my heart to see the severity of the devastation every time I watch the news coverage. Please know that our thoughts are with the victims and their families at this difficult time. I also extend my heartfelt appreciation to those engaged in relief efforts.

Members in Japan, together with your fellow SGI members around the world, are praying every day for the negative effects of the disaster to abate and be kept at a minimum.

I am sincerely chanting for the earliest possible recovery of the affected areas, as well as for victims to regain a semblance of normalcy in their lives and a safe and peaceful haven.

Sincerely yours,

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