



The people of Aleppo, the second largest city in Syria, are caught in the middle of a violent conflict. The water supply to the city has been cut off. More than 2 million people are without water.

From Aleppo, Marist Br Georges Sabe appealed on 13 May 2014 to the international community for help.

Prayer

“We pray in a particular way for Syria, that all those suffering the effects of the conflict can receive needed humanitarian aid and that neither side will again use deadly force, especially against the defenceless civil population, but instead boldly negotiate the peace long awaited and long overdue!”
Pope Francis, *Urbi et Orbi*, 20 April 2014

Write a prayer for the people of Aleppo and send it to scornish@anzrscj.com.au for circulation within the ministries and communities of the Province and via the Province website and social media.



Awareness

Read Br Georges' [statement](#)

Listen to Br Georges being [interviewed in French](#) by Vatican Radio.

Translate Br Georges' interview into other languages and share it using the hashtag [#AleppoNeedsWater](#) Email them to scornish@anzrscj.com.au to share on the Province Facebook page and Twitter stream.

Write a letter to a newspaper, or an article for your school newsletter, expressing concern for the situation in Aleppo.

Sharing

Give up a favourite drink for two weeks and donate the money saved to help the people of Aleppo.

The [Jesuit Refugee Service](#) is engaged in a multifaceted response. Donate to their [Syria Appeal](#)

Donate to [Caritas Australia's Syria Emergency Appeal](#)

Advocacy

Sign the [online petition](#) started by the Marists as an expression of solidarity.

Ask the [United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees](#) to give greater priority to restoring water supply to Aleppo. (*UNHCR Regional Office: Reply Paid 428 Queen Victoria Building NSW 1229, Australia.*)

Ask [UNICEF](#) to give higher priority to providing water to the children of Aleppo. (*UNICEF Australia: PO Box 488, Queen Victoria Building, NSW 1230. UNICEF New Zealand: PO Box 10459, The Terrace, Wellington 6143.*)

Ask your [Minister for Foreign Affairs](#) to urgently provide humanitarian aid to the people of Aleppo. (*Australia: The Hon Julie Bishop, Minister for Foreign Affairs, PO Box 6022, House of Representatives, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600 New Zealand: The Hon Murray Mc Cully, Private Bag 18041, Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6160.*)



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