

Breaking: Earthquake Rocks California—Prayer Needed for Those Affected!

A magnitude 5.2 earthquake struck near Julian, California, today at 10:08 a.m. PDT, about 40 miles northeast of San Diego. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the quake's epicenter was located approximately 2.5 miles south of Julian, with a depth of 8.3 miles.

The tremor was felt across Southern California, stretching as far north as Los Angeles County and into parts of northern Mexico. The USGS reported the shaking was classified as intensity IV on the Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale, indicating light shaking capable of rattling windows and causing minor disturbances.

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In the aftermath, at least nine aftershocks have been recorded, ranging from magnitudes 2.5 to 4.0. The largest aftershock, a magnitude 4.0, occurred at 11:23 a.m. PDT. Thankfully, there have been no immediate reports of major injuries or structural damage. However, minor incidents included rocks falling onto State Route 76 and items being dislodged from shelves in local businesses. CBS News is reporting that USGS seismologist Dr. Lucy Jones indicated the earthquake occurred near the Elsinore Fault, a branch of the San Andreas Fault system, with a smaller magnitude 3.5 quake yesterday, Apr. 13, identified as a foreshock to the larger event.

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As we reflect on the events of today, let us come together in prayer for those affected by the earthquake. Let us pray for the safety and protection of the communities in Southern California and northern Mexico, asking for God's peace and comfort for those shaken by the tremors. We also pray for wisdom and strength for emergency responders and for any necessary recovery efforts. May God continue to watch over and guide the people of this region.

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