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Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father, his Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We join in the prayers for those who lost their lives in the collapse of the Francis Scott Key bridge and families devastated by this accident. We give thanks for the first responders, Coast Guard, and those who work at the Maryland ports, all of whom have been working tirelessly since the accident.

In the time going forward, we ask you to remember the seafarers and port workers whom we minister to in our visits to ships and terminals. We have been contacted by many who ask, "What I can do?" Your prayers and financial support for the ministry will be crucial for the recovery period. Donations can be made either directly to the Baltimore International Seafarers Center or Seafarers International House, our sponsoring agencies. Please make sure to note Baltimore Port Ministry.

Tuesday the port chaplains and volunteers of our shared denominations visited all the ships now trapped in the harbor. We will do that again as we go through the week offering support and transportation as they are allowed by normal visa procedures.

We will continue to share news as we learn more about our needs and the needs of those whom we minister to.

In Christ's service,
Pastors Bob and Vitalii

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