

3. Violent act on victims should be prevented while women and children must be given priority for safety.
4. It is urgent that action should be taken to restore mental cure of the victims, who have lost everything, immediate and other relations in a long term treatment facility system. Needless to note here of the education of the children.
5. The government of Japan provided a total sum of 50 billion yen for the rehabilitation work. We demand that every NGO and INGO involved including the government of Sri Lanka in distributing aid in cash and kind use the aid appropriately and make their usage transparent.

6. We believe that aid and assistance from Japan for Sri Lanka should be utilized in a way to promote and further strengthen mutual understanding between the two peoples. ■

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O! God of Horror!

Hard to believe, immeasurable it is --
 The love you have for us.

You love to hate us
 Don't you?

And the power behind you
 To cause destruction
 Indeed lies beyond description,
 Turning all our horoscopes
 into 'horror' scopes.

Dividing us into parts
 Once you made us fire at each other
 And got enough for your hunger.

Now...

Thinking about the annihilation you caused,
 All that comes to my mind
 Are the words meaning nothing.

Raising an ugly tongue you came,
 In the form of a tsunami
 You devoured the children of our mother

Using the ink of tears
 On our scarred sky
 Let me write the end of your fate -
 The end of your mad love.

Sajitharan