

Prayers

NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting — \$100,000

Prayer #1 — Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to earth to serve others, to care for the sick, the poor, and the weary. Jesus spoke to disciples saying ... *This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you ...* (John 15:12). Let us share the love of Jesus with those who have been hurting for so many years with our prayers and our mites for the people of New Orleans in these hurricane-ravaged neighborhoods. In Jesus precious name, Amen.

Prayer #2 — Oh, God, our Father, hear our prayer. Paul wrote to James words we need to heed. *If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?* (James 2:15–16). We see the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Christ in New Orleans still hurting and still needing shelter and food and someone to show them love. We pray for the pastors of these six churches that with this grant they may ease the distress and show the love of Jesus. In His Holy Name, Amen.

Prayer #3 — Gracious and merciful God, hear our prayer. It is written in Proverbs that *Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God* (Proverbs 14:31). Help us to honor you through our prayers and our mites for the pastors and volunteers in New Orleans who are working to feed, clothe and shelter the many poor and needy in their neighborhoods. They are reaching out to them with a helping hand and the message of love and forgiveness that Jesus has for us all. We pray for the pastors and for their friends and neighbors and ask for your blessings on them. Amen.

Prayer #4 — Dear Lord, we know that good works of love and kindness are a response to your love for us. We pray for the New Orleans pastors showing this same love to their community ... *They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven as a good foundation for the future ...* (1 Timothy 6:18–19). We ask you to bless them as they share your love. In Jesus Holy Name, Amen.