

Serving Those Affected by Natural Disasters

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as natural disasters strike, there are overwhelming challenges facing the community. Victims may be suffering from loss of family and friends, despair and hopelessness from property damage, destruction, material losses, the lack of food, water, and shelter brought on by the disaster.

Thank You for sending the Disaster Response Team and resources needed to help, by providing equipment and Christ-centered care. Lord, You bring hope and healing through Christ.

All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Hymn: “I Lie, O Lord, within Your Care” *LSB* 885 (all verses)

Leader: Lord, we lift up pastors, congregations, brothers and sisters in Christ, and members of the community whose lives have been dismantled, hope lost, and their world has turned upside down as they experience devastation from a natural disaster.

All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12:26, *If one member suffers, all suffer together.* We suffer alongside the victims of natural disaster for what has been lost. Lord, shelter them. Provide for them. Sustain them. Comfort and strengthen them through Your Word and the care and compassion of those who respond in times of natural disasters. Provide hope, healing, peace, and perseverance in troubled times.

All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: God of all comfort, bring the gift of healing, peace, and comfort to all who are suffering through loss and devastation of a natural disaster.

All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord of heaven and earth, we know that You hold all things in the palm of Your hands. In Your mercy, provide for the needs of all those who are suffering. Work through members of the Disaster Response Team to bring relief and aid to victims of natural disasters in their time of need. Protect them from further harm and danger. Bring all to the cross of Christ who is our strength, shield, and protection.

All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving Heavenly Father, open the hearts of Your people to pray, demonstrate their love for others, and generously give needed supplies and funds to help alleviate the pain and suffering of those affected by natural disasters.

All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Hymn: "Lord of All Hopefulness" *LSB* 738 (all verses)