

# Serving Those Affected by Natural Disasters

## PRAYER #1

Lord, we thank You for the mission vision of the pastor and members of Trinity Lutheran Church as they sanctioned and continue to sustain a Disaster Response Team. Be with the members of this team as they are Your hands and feet sharing the love of Jesus while alleviating the pain and suffering of victims of natural disasters. Provide the tools and resources they need to respond. Protect them from all harm and danger, bless them, and sustain them through Your Word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## PRAYER #2

Heavenly Father, You tell us *You shall love your neighbor as yourself* (Galatians 5:14). We thank You for the Disaster Response Team from Trinity Lutheran Church, who are sent to respond to people who are suffering from the loss of loved ones, property damage, destruction, material losses, and lack of food and water. Strengthen them through Your Word, encourage them, and be their rock and fortress as they sit and listen to the victim's stories and respond to their needs. Help the victims to know and trust in You in their time of despair and discouragement. Amen.

*Bear one another's burdens*  
(Galatians 6:3).

*Through love serve one another*  
(Galatians 5:13).

### PRAYER #3

Dear Jesus, You know the challenges and needs of all the people affected by hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, and wildfires. Bless each one of them and their families. Keep them safe in dangerous and life-threatening conditions. Provide resources for body and soul. Send compassionate and caring disaster responders who have received special training to assess and intervene in times of disaster. Help the victims through this difficult, dangerous time to look to You and trust Your promise that You will never leave them or forsake them. In Your name we pray. Amen.

### PRAYER #4

Lord, we thank You for the mission opportunities the Disaster Response Team has as they are called to respond in a moment's notice when disaster strikes. Bless them as they grow in Your Word. Help them encourage others as they work together. Help them to keep their equipment in a state of readiness as they wait for the call to serve whenever and wherever You send them. As they go Lord, may they remember that *You are their refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1)*. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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