

Prayers for Natural Disaster Survivors

In light of the recent natural disasters that have devastated our nation, this is the perfect time to focus on sharing your blessings with those in need. In the days immediately following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, United Methodists responded by opening their hearts and homes to survivors. From serving thousands of meals to delivering tons of much-needed supplies, the outpouring of support has been amazing.

We must remember, however, that this is a long-term recovery effort that may take years to complete. Here are some ways you can continue to be a blessing, as we seek to obey Jesus' command in Matthew 25:35-36 to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked and care for the sick.

How You Can Help

1. Pray for the survivors.
2. Volunteer your time.
3. Make a donation to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) @ www.methodistrelief.org.
4. Assist by collecting, sorting or delivering relief supplies.

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*Whatever you did for one of
the least of these brothers of
mine, you did for me.*

Matthew 25:40

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Day 1 God, thank you for being our refuge and strength in times of trouble. Psalms 46:1-5	Day 2 God, forgive us when we take our many blessings and gifts for granted. Matt. 6:12	Day 3 God, enable us to be a blessing to survivors of hurricanes, floods, tsunamis, earthquakes and other natural disasters. 2 Cor. 1:4	Day 4 God, grant hope to victims waiting to be rescued. We pray for their safety and quick recovery. 1 Sam. 26:24	Day 5 God, console those persons who are separated and searching for loved ones. Reunite them as quickly as possible. 2 Cor. 1:4	Day 6 God, have mercy on those who are alone. Bring caring helpers into their lives. Luke 1:50	Day 7 God, we pray for ill and injured persons, and for the health of all those affected by disasters. Jer. 30:17
Day 8 God, grant wisdom, strength, compassion and healing power to those tending the sick. Luke 6:19	Day 9 God, protect the innocent from those who commit evil deeds in the wake of natural disasters. Luke 4:10	Day 10 God, bless the souls of those who perished. Comfort those mourning the loss of loved ones. Matt. 5:4	Day 11 God, bring help to those suffering great hardship as a result of natural catastrophes. 2 Tim. 2:9	Day 12 God, grant the survivors courage and the knowledge that you are with them always. Hagg. 2:4	Day 13 God, give those adversely affected by tragedy a faith so strong that it will move mountains. Matt. 17:20	Day 14 God, guard the hearts and minds of the survivors, giving them peace that surpasses all understanding. Phil. 4:7
Day 15 God, bless the survivors and relief workers with patience as they wait for your perfect timing. Eccl. 7:8	Day 16 God, may those facing uncertain futures place their trust in you. Give them rest. Psalms 37:3	Day 17 God, have compassion on your peoples and restore all that has been lost. Deut. 30:3	Day 18 God, we pray those in need will quickly receive food, water, shelter, clothing and medical supplies. Matt. 25:35-36	Day 19 God, comfort homeless and displaced persons living in shelters or with family, friends or strangers. Isa. 58:7	Day 20 God, teach us to obey Jesus' command to welcome strangers in need of hospitality. Rom. 12:13	Day 21 God, provide employment for persons whose livelihoods have been lost or impacted. Deut. 24:15
Day 22 God, grant our President and local, regional and national leaders wisdom and discernment in dealing with the aftermath of natural disasters. 1 Tim. 2:1-2	Day 23 God, strengthen for service our fire-fighters, medics, police, relief workers, social workers, pastors and disaster response coordinators. Isa. 41:10	Day 24 God, guide relief workers, humanitarian agencies and insurance firms as they assess the damage and assist victims during relief and recovery efforts. Psalms 31:3	Day 25 God, equip ministers, counselors and volunteers as they tend to the spiritual and emotional needs of survivors. Eph. 4:12	Day 26 God, we pray your people will continue to generously respond with their prayers, presence, gifts and service. 2 Cor. 9:6	Day 27 God, raise up warriors to pray without ceasing for survivors and those involved in the recovery efforts. 1 Thes. 5:17	Day 28 God, provide the resources needed to rebuild lives and communities decimated by disasters. Jer. 42:10
Day 29 God, grant us a spirit of perseverance to help those touched by tragedy in the months and years ahead. Heb. 12:1	Day 30 God, restore electricity, water, gas and transportation. Keep communication channels open. Isa. 62:10	Day 31 God, we affirm that neither hardship nor distress nor peril will separate us from the love of Christ. Rom. 8:35				 www.ngumc.org