

Please include two or three of these General Intercessions in your Prayer of the Faithful during times of imminent disaster, as well as recovery. Recall also that recovery from disaster can take weeks, months or even years.

Instead of “Lord, hear our prayer” as a response, you may wish to lead the congregation in an occasional response such as: Hear us, merciful God.

Gracious Lord, hear us we pray.

God of justice, support us all.

Lord God, we need your help.

Lord, hear us and help us.

That through this time of tragedy in (*name the areas*), those most affected and who have lost the most will know of God’s presence and learn of the Holy Spirit’s comfort, we pray...

That all Christians will remember their struggling brothers and sisters, and contribute the time or treasure to assist them in their continuing need, we pray...

That our prayers will rise up like incense for those affected by disaster, especially those who have lost their lives while trying to assist others, we pray...

For all those who had so little to lose, and have yet survived a disaster—that they may somehow know that God never turns away from us, we pray...

For all of God’s creation that has been ripped away or destroyed by earthquake, wind, fire, and rain—that the natural beauty of the earth will be restored in time, we pray...

Prompted by the Spirit, we ask God’s gentle comfort to those who have lost worldly possessions, and have little to return to after being evacuated, we pray...

Supported by Jesus, brother of all, we ask that God send his Son—once again—to inspire recovery and lead all those who suffer to joyful redemption in their lives, we pray...

We pray that, in condemning and confessing the violence of natural disasters, we will work together to protect and renew the good earth that God has given to us, we pray...

Empowered by the strength of the Holy Spirit, we pray that all people will begin to respect the growth of climate change, and work to forestall its effects, we pray...

That those who are homeless or without financial means to survive an ongoing natural disaster, that they will find strength through our commitment to pray for them, we pray...

That our social services agencies will have the financial means that they need to restore a decent life for those affected by natural disasters, we pray...

That those who are homeless will find adequate shelter, and eventually, permanent homes, we pray...

That children, parents, and grandparents will not lose hope, because of a natural disaster, we pray...

Simpler Intercessions that May Be Used for the Prayer of the Faithful

For those who suffer lost of their homes, we pray...

For those who have been injured in any way, during this natural disaster, we pray...

For the very young and for the elderly—our most vulnerable in natural disasters, we pray...

For those who have no jobs to return to, we pray...

For those whose places of worship have been destroyed, we pray...

For those whose families are scattered or temporarily displaced, we pray...

For those who need medications, food, or water, we pray...

For leaders and first responders in times of tragedy, we pray...

For volunteers who counsel, advise, and support victims of disaster, we pray...