Additional Prayer Resources for Hurricane Victims

Prayer for Hope and Mercy

Jesus Christ, our savior,
as your boat was being swamped in the storm
the disciples asked you,
Do you not care that we are perishing?
Today, as then, we ask you
to calm the waves, rebuke the wind, and say ‘Peace!’
We ask you to see our faith,
send us your Spirit, and preserve us in the hope of your mercy. Amen.
**Intercessory Prayers for Healing and Hope**

1. For all those in the path of Hurricane Harvey, that God grant them safety from the threat of rising water and flooding, we pray…

2. For our brothers and sisters in the dioceses of Texas, that they may face the hurricane with hope and that the Holy Spirit may keep them from loss of property and life, we pray…

3. For all those who live along the Gulf Coast and who face the challenges of Hurricane Harvey’s impact, we pray…

4. For all of God’s creation— for land and property, and for the courage to face the possible devastation from Hurricane Harvey, we pray…

5. That God will sustain all people with hope and courage this weekend, as the threat of damage from Hurricane Harvey increases, we pray…

6. That all people will turn to a loving God, with the sure and certain hope that God’s love will sustain them in time of need, we pray…

**Spanish Translation**

1. Por todos los que se encuentran en la trayectoria del Huracán Harvey, para que Dios les proteja contra la amenaza de crecientes de agua e inundaciones, oremos…

2. Por nuestros hermanos y hermanas en las diócesis de Texas, para que puedan enfrentar el huracán con esperanza y para que el Espíritu Santo pueda impedir la pérdida de sus propiedades y de sus vidas, oremos…

3. Por todos aquellos que viven a lo largo de la Costa del Golfo y enfrentan los desafíos del impacto del Huracán Harvey, oremos…

4. Por toda la creación de Dios— por los terrenos y los bienes, y por la valentía de enfrentar la posible devastación del Huracán Harvey, oremos…
5. Para que este fin de semana Dios sustente con esperanza y valentía a todas las personas, al tiempo que aumenta la amenaza de destrucción del Huracán Harvey, oremos...

6. Para que todas las personas se vuelvan hacia un Dios amoroso, con la seguridad y la esperanza que el amor de Dios les sostendrá en tiempo de necesidad, oremos...
Blessing Prayer for Hope

May the God of creation,
the God of wisdom,
the God of mercy,
bless us and remain with us always.

May the God who created the stars,
the sun and the moon,
the earth, seas and sky,
the plants, animals and humankind,
bless us and be with us always.

May the God who heals
touch us and our violent world--torn by the ravage of weather--
and bless us and be with us always.

We ask these blessings through Christ our Lord, in the name of the Father,

--From Liturgies of Lament, J. Frank Henderson, LTP ©1994
Hymn

We Stand In Hope (tune: FINLANDIA)

1. We stand in pain and long to see salvation.
2. We stand in need of guidance and protection.
3. We stand in hope, recounting all your graces.
4. We walk by faith, a church of peace and pardon.

1. For we have known your comfort and relief.
2. When storms of change obscure our forward path.
3. We bless your name, and pray your will be done.
4. For you, O God, still welcome every soul.

1. We try again to gain some consolation.
2. When fears expand to fan our disaffection.
3. Your healing mercy, gentle to embrace us.
4. To strive anew to cultivate your garden.

1. But former blessings fade in present grief.
2. We turn from grace and don the chains of wrath.
3. Reveals your love, your own beloved Son.
4. Your Spirit warms and waters and makes whole.

1. Subdue, O God, the torrents of temptation.
2. We close our ears to songs of resurrection.
3. He knows our weakness, all our broken places.
4. Renewing all that pain and sin have hardened.

1. Redeem our hearts, restore our lost belief.
2. While sin unfolds its wretched aftermath.
3. And by his death our dying is undone.
4. We walk in love, with love our guide and goal.

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