

Prayer of the Faithful For Those Affected by and in Hurricane Irma's Path

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*These intercessions may be used at Mass and during any prayer services during the coming days and months for those who suffer in any way from Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. They may also serve as a template for other intercessory prayer, in times of disaster and human suffering.*

1. That those who suffer homelessness, whether temporary or permanent, as a result of the turmoil from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, will know hope from trust in the Holy Spirit, we pray...
2. For those who are in the path of destruction--whether from Hurricane Harvey or those who will be affected by Hurricane Irma--will not lose hope and feel helpless, we pray to the Lord,
3. For those who are in hospitals, those who suffer from mental illness, and those who may be born during these times of suffering, that they may know the help of comforting strangers and be led to places of safety, we pray...
4. For those who have lost family members in the destructive hurricanes, and for those who have yet to suffer the effects of Hurricane Irma as the storm reaches landfall, we pray...
5. For those who have volunteered to serve their brothers and sisters affected by hurricanes, that they may remain strong, dedicated to service, and wise in their decisions, we pray...
6. For those who have contributed their prayers to God, for relief of the suffering of thousands who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma, that they will continue their prayers and not give up hope in God, we pray...
7. For the survivors of Hurricane Harvey, and for those who have survived the initial impact of Hurricane Irma, that our prayers may rise up like incense for their safety, we pray...

8. That all victims of natural disasters, especially those we have experienced in the U.S. in the past month, may find God's comfort in their suffering, and help each other survive their devastation, we pray...
9. That the Holy Spirit will inspire all people of good will to reach out to those who suffer natural disasters—spiritually, financially, or with physical assistance, we pray...
10. That we may continue to preach and to live out true respect for the earth, and work to preserve the goodness that God has given us, we pray...
11. For all those in the path of Hurricane Irma, that God grant them safety from the high winds and from threat of rising water and flooding, we pray to the Lord.
12. For victims of Hurricane Irma, that God keep them from despair and hopelessness caused by this natural disaster, we pray to the Lord.
13. For rescue workers, especially police, paramedics, firefighters and all the volunteers that come forward to assist victims, that they are sustained with bodily strength and calmness of mind as they aid those in need, we pray to the Lord.
14. For all the communities that will be affected by the devastation of Hurricane Irma, that they feel God's presence as they support and comfort one another in the aftermath of the storm, we pray to the Lord.
15. For federal and state officials charged with hurricane relief, that they be guided by God's compassion and love for humankind, we pray to the Lord.
16. For all those who mourn the loss of loved ones, that the Lord shines His light on them and comfort them in this time of darkness, we pray to the Lord.