



Spring 2010

***Worship Resources for flooding, storms
and ecological disaster***

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Prayers

Prayer for those in the midst of storms

Merciful God,
when the storms rage and threaten to overtake us,
awaken our faith to know the power of your peace.
Deliver us from our fear and ease our anxiety.
Help us to endure the time of uncertainty
and give us strength to face the challenges ahead.
Give us the assurance of your presence even in this time
so that we can cling to your promise of hope and life shown to us
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

O God,
who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the troubled heart,
bring hope and courage to all
who are affected by this *disaster* as we wait in uncertainty.
Bring assurance that you will be with us in whatever lies ahead.
Give us courage to endure all that we now face,
for you are our refuge and strength.
You are God, and we need you.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
(adapted from ELW Pastoral care, page 174)

Praying for those suffering from storms or flooding

Loving God,
in the communion of Christ, we are joined with the trials and sufferings of all.
Be with those who endure the *wind and rain/flooding*.
Protect those in the path of danger.
Open the pathway of evacuations.
Help loved ones find one another in the chaos.
Provide assistance to those who need help.
Ease the fears of all and make your presence known in the stillness of your peace;
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer after a Flood

Loving God, we come to you trusting in your mercy
and knowing that your steadfast love endures forever.
Look with mercy on those who are harmed or displaced by flood waters.
Give them your strength to meet the days ahead,
your peace which passes all understanding
and new hope in the resurrection.
Move in those who are able to give aid,
that we may be your hands and heart on earth.
Be with all who offer assistance, may your Spirit may uphold them.
As you have made water a sign of your kingdom,
and of cleansing and rebirth,
grant your people vision to see new life on the other side of disaster.
To you be given all honor and praise, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.
(Pastor Kay Braun, adapted)

Prayer after Storms

Especially for those who were directly impacted by storms or flooding.

Merciful God,
Hear our cry for mercy in the wake of *wind and water*.
Reveal your presence in the midst of our suffering.
Help us to trust in your promises of hope and life
so that desperation and grief will not overtake us.
Come quickly to our aid that we may know peace and joy again.
Strengthen us in this time of trial
with assurance of hope we know in the death and resurrection
of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer after Storms

Especially for those in areas that were not directly impacted by storms or flooding.

Gracious God,
Your word of peace stills the storms that rage in our world.
Bring hope to places that know devastation in the calm after *the storm/flooding*.
Bring comfort to those who grieve the loss of loved ones and property.
Let your love be known through those who work to bring order in the chaos.
Help us to shoulder the burden of suffering
And make us bearers of the hope that can be found in you
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Ecological Disaster

Loving God,
when our ways of life lead to ecological disaster,
your creation groans and your creatures suffer.
Send your Spirit to renew the earth and seas.
Guide and sustain the work of relief and recovery.
Inspire us in our stewardship of all that you have made
so that we may continue to rejoice with earth and sea and all your creatures,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Litany – storms/floods

O Lord, when the waters rage and foam,
Still the storms and grant us your peace.
When the gift of creation becomes burden,
Still the storms and grant us your peace.
When our fears threaten to overtake us,
Still the storms and grant us your peace.
Speak your word to the wind and to the water,
Fill us with faith.
Show us your care in the service of others,
Fill us with compassion.
Make the joy of your peace overflow in our lives,
Fill us with hope.

Litany – ecological disaster

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth
And it was good.
God created day and night, land and sea, plants and animals.
And it was good.
God created humankind in the image of God.
And it was good.
Yet we stray from your goodness and our careless ways cause destruction,
Renew the face of the earth.
Our ways of consumption lead to devastation,
Renew the face of the earth.
Creation groans and creatures cry out,
Renew the face of the earth.
In accordance with your promise of life,
we live in hope for a new heaven and a new earth,
where creation is healed and righteousness abounds
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns and Songs

ELW 794	Calm to the Waves
ELW 756	Eternal Father, Strong to Save
ELW 755	Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me
ELW 767	Lord, take my hand and lead me
ELW 739	Touch the Earth Lightly
ELW 715	Christ, Be Our Light
ELW 701	Once We Sang and Danced
ELW 702	You, Dear Lord
ELW 618	Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
ELW 626	By Gracious Powers
ELW 639	When We Are Living (Pues si vivimos)
ELW 698	How Long, O God
ELW 699	In Deepest Night
ELW 405	O Spirit of Life
ELW 404	Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Additional hymns may be found in the LAMENT, HEALING, and HOPE, ASSURANCE sections of Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymns.

Prayer Petitions

These prayer petitions may be added to the Prayers of Intercession, especially prayers provided by Sundays and Seasons resources.

May 9, 2010

O God, our hope, we pray for all who suffer the effects of flooding; for all who rebuild after tornadoes; for all who work to recover from ecological disaster.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer. *(or substitute another appropriate ending for the prayer)*

May 16, 2010

Restore hope to those who suffer the effects of disaster. Renew the face of the earth and sea. Grant endurance and strength to those who rebuild and comfort those who continue to endure trials. Comfort the grieving and stir up in us the compassion to reach out in love.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

May 23, 2010

Come, Holy Spirit, breathe life in the wake of disaster. We pray for those effected by spring storms and ecological destruction, for those who rebuild and repair, and for those who mourn the loss of life, livelihood and property.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

May 30, 2010

You renew the face of the earth and sea. Restore your creation in the wake of ecological disaster. Inspire us to be good stewards of all that you have made.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

June 6, 2010

Grant endurance and strength to all who rebuild after disaster. Comfort those who grieve the loss of loved ones and property. Engage us in the work of recovery that our lives might reveal your compassion.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.