

I have been watching online at the devastation that the recent storms have inflicted on the people in our southern states. It is the worst destruction that has been seen in years. Lives lost, devastated, turned upside down, interrupted people stunned, frozen with shock, bewildered not knowing where to turn or what steps to take. Then comes the word of hope. Churches, faith filled Christians are already on the move. Some neighbors are already working to help each other. Men, chainsaws in hand are moving debris; Christians are joining organized servants, like Salvation Army, Red Cross, and Samaritan's purse. Prayers are needed to call upon our LORD GOD to move in mighty ways to bring restoration to these places. You and I have the power to call on the HOLY SPIRIT to bring comfort, inspire acts of compassion, and calm the anxiety that is swirling inside the minds and bodies of those in the midst of the storm.

So, what can you do. Right now, the greatest need is Prayer. Call upon the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY to bring sustenance and restoration. There are some things that money can not buy. That is when we turn to the most powerful resource the LORD as given to us, Prayer. To help in this act of service I have provided a few prayers you can use often!

“Lord of the Universe, Master of all, look in love upon Your people. Pour the healing oil of Your compassion on a world that is wounded and dying. Send us out in search of the lost, to comfort the afflicted, to bind up the broken, and to free those trapped under the rubble of their fallen dreams.”
Sheila Cassidy

“Give me grace O my Father, to be utterly ashamed of my own reluctance to pray. Rouse me from sloth and coldness, and make me desire You with my whole heart. Teach me to love meditation, sacred reading, and prayer. Teach me to love that which must engage my whole mind for all eternity.” John Henry Newman

“God of our tender care, we pray with those who are praying. We join the spoken and silent prayers that come to You from throughout the earth—from sanctuaries and street corners, from battle lines and prison cells, from hospital rooms and festive tables. With bowed heads or heads held high, standing boldly or kneeling quietly, we pray to You with thanks, with sorrow, with urgency. We ask Your guidance; we rest in Your comfort. Speak, O God, to Your praying people everywhere! Hear this our common prayer and those “ Ann B. Day

“Set free, O Lord, the souls of Your servants from all restlessness and anxiety. Give them that peace and power which flow from You. Keep them in all perplexity and distress, that upheld by Your strength and stayed on the rock of Your faithfulness they may abide in You now and evermore.”
Francis Paget

“Lord Jesus, poorest of the poor, born in a borrowed stable and buried in a borrowed tomb, I bring before You all those who, like You, have nowhere to lay their head; the war refugees exiled from their homes, migrants searching for a place to live, the victims of earthquakes, floods, and disasters, and the countless, countless homeless in this land. Help me, living as I am securely and in peace, to show compassion for my brothers and sisters, and help them find in their lives a new beginning and new hope, for Your name's sake.” H. J. Richards

Please Pray.