



Worship Resources: Tenth Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and ongoing recovery of the Gulf of Mexico, August 2015

Litany – storms/flood

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 sea,
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 devastations.
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.

Prayers

This petition may be added to the assembly's prayers of intercession.

For the devastation in the Gulf of Mexico
and those who suffered the effects of Hurricane Katrina ten years ago,
that recovery and renewal of the water, land, industries and communities
continues as a sign of grace and hope.

Lord, in your mercy, OR Hear us, O God.
hear our prayer. **Your mercy is great.**

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/rain/flooding/ecological disaster.
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.

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Occasional Services for the Assembly, page 394)

Prayers after the Storm

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

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 / wind and water/ecological disaster.
Give them your strength to meet the days ahead,
your peace, which surpasses all understanding,
and renewed hope for restoration and rebuilding.
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.

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Occasional Services for the Assembly, page 395)

Praying after storms or disaster

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/ecological disaster.
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.

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Occasional Services for the Assembly, page 394)

Prayer after storms or disaster

Especially for those in areas 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.

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.

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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.

Emergency workers

God of earth and air, water and fire, height and depth,

we pray for those who work in danger,

who rush in to bring hope and help and comfort when others flee to safety,

whose mission is to seek and save, serve and protect,

and whose presence embodies the protection of the Good Shepherd.

Give them caution and concern for one another,

so that in safety they may do what must be done, under your watchful eye.

Support them in their courage and dedication that they may continue to save lives,

Ease pain, and mend the torn fabric of lives and social order;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymns and Songs

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship

TFF = This Far by Faith

LCC = Libro de Liturgia y Cántico

Alzo a los montes mis ojos	LLC 546
By gracious powers	ELW 626
Calm to the waves	ELW 794
Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove	ELW 404
Día en día Cristo está conmigo	LLC 533
Dios es nuestro amparo	LLC 553
Eternal Father, strong to save	ELW 756
Guide me ever, great redeemer	ELW 618
How long, O God	ELW 698
In deepest night	ELW 699
Jesus, Savior, pilot me	ELW 755
Like a ship that's tossed and driven	TFF 251
Lord, take my hand and lead me	ELW 767
Maestro, se encrespan las aguas	LLC 554
My hope is built on nothing less	ELW 596, 597; TFF 192
O Spirit of life	ELW 405
Once we sang and danced	ELW 701
Precious Lord, take my hand	ELW 773; TFF 193
Pues si vivimos (When we Are living)	ELW 639; LLC 462
Tú Señor, eres mi fuerza	LLC 545
We Are often tossed and driven	TFF 206
When peace like a river	ELW 785; TFF 194
When the storms of life are raging	TFF 198
Will your anchor hold	TFF 255
You, dear Lord	ELW 702

Additional hymns may be found in the LAMENT, HEALING, and HOPE, ASSURANCE, PRAYER sections of the worship resources listed above.