

A Prayer for National Comfort in Times of Calamity

“Americans have [always] joined together in prayer during times of great need, to ask for **GOD's** blessings and guidance.”¹

In the aftermath of our national calamities, may we join together before our **Creator** to ask for aide and healing. In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in 2017, President Donald J. Trump called for national prayer and help for all “those who are grieving and suffering in this time of crisis.”²

With humility before **The Supreme Judge of The World**, may we all across the USA lift up prayers and helping hands “for all those harmed..., including people who have lost family members or been injured, those who have lost homes [and] ...property” and those left needy, bewildered and destitute.³

Relying always on **Divine Providence**, may we give thanks for all those “leading the response and recovery efforts.”^{4 5} As with Saint Francis of Assisi, may The Lord, using each of us as we are able, make us all His “instruments of peace.”⁶

Saint James proclaims in JAMES 2:26, “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”⁷ Through our works of mercy, both spiritual and physical,⁸ as individuals, as families, as communities, as a nation, as The faithful Church on earth, may we aide those in need, even as we learn to live in love of GOD and neighbor.⁹ AMEN.

¹ “Trump’s National Day of Prayer Follows Tradition of Washington, Lincoln and Reagan.” Ken Klukoski. <https://70news.wordpress.com/2017/09/03/trumps-national-day-of-prayer-follows-tradition-of-washington-lincoln-and-reagan/>

² “Trump Declares National Day of Prayer for Hurricane Harvey Victims.” <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/09/01/president-donald-j-trump-proclaims-september-3-2017-national-day-prayer>

³ “Trump Declares National Day of Prayer for Hurricane Harvey Victims.” <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/09/01/president-donald-j-trump-proclaims-september-3-2017-national-day-prayer>

⁴ “The Declaration of Independence.” Thomas Jefferson. The Almighty is referenced 4 times: “**GOD; Creator; The Supreme Judge of The World; Divine Providence.**” <http://www.let.rug.nl/usa/documents/1776-1785/the-final-text-of-the-declaration-of-independence-july-4-1776.php>

⁵ “Trump Declares National Day of Prayer for Hurricane Harvey Victims.” <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/09/01/president-donald-j-trump-proclaims-september-3-2017-national-day-prayer>

⁶ “Prayer for Peace.” Saint Francis of Assisi. <http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=134>

⁷ NKJV, JAMES 2:26.

⁸ “Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.” To feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; harbour the harbourless; visit the sick; ransom the captive; bury the dead. To instruct the ignorant; counsel the doubtful; admonish sinners; bear wrongs patiently; forgive offences willingly; comfort the afflicted; pray for the living and the dead. <http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7903>

⁹ See DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5 & LEVITICUS 19:18; MATTHEW 22:36-40. The Two Great Commandments.