

Prayers of the People - September 3rd, 2017

For the days following Hurricane Harvey

Music: Prayers of the People - by The Brilliance

You hear us calling, you hear us calling Abba Father.

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Celebrant:

Lord, we stand in your presence today, a people, a city, a region reeling. Not alone, but together. One in our hurting. One in our pain. Beyond color or creed, ideology or orientation. Beyond any and all dividing lines. In the suffering, sadness, fear and loss of this week; we stand united. We ask you to join us in this time, Lord. To fill our hearts, even as you remind us of the truth that you never left. That you've been with us through it all. Our shelter through the storm. Be with us now. Pour down your Spirit upon your people like a healing ray of sun. Lord, hear our prayer.

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We pray for all those affected by this unprecedented and unforgiving storm. Especially those displaced or in mourning. The countless homes and memories under water. We grieve the losses that are irreplaceable. Lord God, to all those most greatly impacted, grant the comfort and strength needed to lift their heads in hope, trusting your peace and provision to meet them in the days and weeks to come. Renew us all in faith as the clouds part, and your blue sky looks down upon our city once again. Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

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Celebrant:

We pray in gratitude for all those who have and continue to come to the aid of our city and its people, both from within and beyond. Grant them energy and focus to join you in the work of healing that is only beginning to unfold. Guide their minds and their hands to work swiftly and safely. Bless the homes that have opened their doors. May they all be instruments of your greater work in our midst. Lord, hear our prayer.

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Lord, we pray for your Church. Those called to be first into the fray. Though we have been shaken by the trauma of this week, we have not fallen. In your grace and power alone, we stand. Embolden your people Lord, to be the hands and feet of Christ in the long season that lies ahead. Work within us, around us, and through us; that signs of your love and goodness would spread for miles in every direction. As the waters recede, may we join you in rebuilding a city and a people ever more reflective of your eternal kingdom.

May enemies become neighbors, neighbors become friends, friends become family. And may it be to your glory. Lord, hear our prayer.

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