

**A Prayerful Proclamation:**  
***We stand with victims of Super Storm Sandy***

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*After violent winds with terrible effect;  
Following incredible destruction by surging seas;  
Amidst a frightening cold of collapsed infrastructure;  
Fearfully wrestling with:  
    Powerless nights,  
        Empty gas tanks,  
            Foodless shelves;*

*We witness those who cry having lost everything;  
We know of missing neighbors who will not, can not, return.*

*Have victims of the super storm been abandoned?  
Has Mercy rejected them?  
From where does help come?  
To whom can they turn?*

*Today, OUR response will come.*

*We claim OUR part in a community of compassion where victims can turn!  
In each footstep of our sacred way, we bring back mercy!  
Help comes from us in order to restore hope!*

*Along the path of our spiritual practice we adjust our sight to notice what is missing.*

*We make the journey -*

*To embrace those who are grieving with our gifts of abundant love.*

*Our actions replace darkness with light.*

*Our generosity offers hope amidst barren emptiness.*

*Ours are the footsteps of renewal,*

*A committed pilgrimage to outlast devastation,*

*To help raise again that which has fallen.*

*Surging seas and violent wind cannot shake us from corridors of compassion.*

*This we proclaim!*

*AND this we ask ... that*

*Spirit shows us the way,*

*Humility helps us become aware,*

*And Purpose gives us what we need -*

*-- To share ourselves,*

*Selflessly,*

*Abundantly,*

*with those in need of others to walk with them,*

*toward healing and wholeness, once more.*

*Amen.*