



A Prayerful Proclamation:
We stand with victims of Typhoon Haiyan
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After violent winds with terrible effect;
Following incredible destruction by surging seas;
Amidst a frightening collapse of infrastructure;
Fearfully wrestling with:
 Powerless nights,
 Empty fuel tanks,
 Foodless days,
 Deep loss amidst death and destruction;

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

Have victims of the typhoon 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 wretched chaos.
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.