

A Prayerful Proclamation:

We stand with those affected by 2024 Hurricanes

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After violent winds with terrible effect;
Following incredible destruction by surging seas, a deluge of rain, and flooding waterways;
Amidst a frightening cold of collapsed infrastructure;
Fearfully wrestling with: Powerless nights, Empty gas tanks, Foodless shelves;
We witness the wailing of those who have lost everything;
We know of missing neighbors who will not, can not, return.
We wonder at how many still remain cut off from the most basic of care.
Have victims of this season's hurricanes 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 waters 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, yes to our thoughts and prayers, but also to our physical efforts and
material gifts.
To bring hope to those yet without hope.
Selflessly, Abundantly, with those in need of others to walk with them, toward healing and
wholeness, once more.
Amen.