

REMEMBERING OUR BROTHERS and SISTERS in TIME of NEED

**Blessed be the Father of mercies and the God of all compassion,
Who consoles us in all our afflictions.**

— 1 Corinthians 1: 34

As we pause and hold in prayer all those who have suffered the ravages of the hurricane in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, let us reach out to them in Christian charity and in acts of kindness and generosity. We remember the words of Jesus, “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do unto Me.”

**As brothers and sisters united in the family of God, we pause and remember that our Loving God is with us at all times.
Holy is God; holy and mighty; holy and living forever.**

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Romans 8:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

**Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness,
or peril, or sword?**

**I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,
nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us
from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Let our cry come before You, Lord,
have mercy on Your people**

Psalm 130

**Out of the depths I cry
unto You, O LORD.**

**Lord, hear my voice:
let Your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications.**

**If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who shall stand?
But there is forgiveness with You.**

**I wait for the LORD,
my soul does wait,
and in His word do I hope.
My soul waits for the Lord:
for with the LORD there is mercy,
and with Him
is plenteous redemption.**

Footprints

**One night a man had a dream,
and in his dream
he reviewed the footsteps
he had taken in his life.
He looked and noticed that
over all mountains
and difficult places
that he had traveled,
there was one set of footprints,
but over the planes
and down the hills
there were two sets of footprints,
as if someone had walked
by his side.**

**He turned to Christ and said,
“There is something
I do not understand,
“Why is it that over the mountains
and the tough and difficult places,
I have walked alone,
for I see in those areas
there is just one set of footprints?”
Christ turned to the man and said,
“It is that while your life was easy
I walked along your side,
but here,
where the walking was har
and paths were difficult,
was the time you needed Me most,
and that is why
I carried you.”**

Intentions

Reponse: GOD OF HOPE AND MERCY, HEAR US.

**That You, O Lord,
will give the hurricane victims, hope and courage
as they rebuild their lives and dreams, we pray:**

**That You, O God of Promise,
will continue to bless with strength and fortitude
the many people who are ministering to our brothers and sisters
in their time of great need, we pray:**

**That hope and love
will overcome anger, bitterness and lawlessness, we pray:**

**That all who have died from this hurricane
will enjoy Your joyful presence forever, we pray:**

**That You, O Lord of Generosity,
will inspire our fellow Americans
to work for the good of these displaced and disheartened people,
not counting the cost
but gladly doing it in the name of Jesus, we pray:**

**That those responsible for the rescue and rebuilding efforts
will move swiftly and compassionately, we pray:**

**That those who have been separated from their children, families and friends
will find solace and peace in the days ahead, we pray:**

**That You, O God,
will walk with our brothers and sisters in this tragic time
and support them in Your love, we pray:**

**That You, O Lord,
will be with our brothers, Lasallian colleagues, students and their families
in their time of calamity, we pray:**

Let us pray:

**Lord, You who calmed the
storm at sea,
quiet the fears,
ease the pain,
tend the grief,
and light the darkness
of Your children
in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama.**

**In stunned silence, be their voice,
In rages against the night, be their balm,
In bewilderment, be their hope.**

**Lead rescuers to the lost,
And shelter the waiting.**

**Sustain those who work to
make life's necessities spring
forth in this desert of gloom.
Blanket the weary with your tender touch.**

**Shake us from our comforts to
share our siblings' sorrow and
let us pray them into new life.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus
who suffered and died for our sakes.
Amen.**



HYMN : *YOU ARE MINE*

**I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice,
be still and know that I am here.**

**Refrain Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are Mine.**

**I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadow of the night, I will be by your light,
come and rest in Me.**

**I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, all the lame will run free,
and all will know My name.**

**I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the Peace that the world cannot give.
I will call your name embracing all your pain,
stand up now, walk and live.**

— David Haas, 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.

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**Saint Jude, patron of impossible causes,
hear our prayer for our brothers and sisters in their time of need.**

**Saint John Baptist de La Salle
and
all you holy Brothers who have gone before us,
may we be attentive to the poor among us.**

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!