

*Service of Prayer
In Time of Storm
+ Hurricane Florence +*



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Thursday, September 13 — Noon

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CALL TO PRAYER
GATHERING SONG

Sounding of Chimes
Peace, Be Still



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OPENING LITANY

P: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as we enter upon a time of vigilance and preparedness, let us humbly bring our prayers to God, the Lord of the wind and the rains, the Lord of good season and bad, the Lord of blessing and hope, that he might bless us with his mighty power and protect us in our ways.

L: Lord God of all seasons, you bless us throughout the year.

C: **You are the rain that refreshes the earth.**

L: You are the light that shines upon all things.

C: **You are the miracle of birth and growth.**

L: You are the author of time and its seasons.

C: **You set it all in motion for the benefit of all.**

L: You are the Creator who blesses.

C: **You are the Guardian of all that you have created.**

L: As we enter this time of vigilance, we ask that you watch over us.

C: **Keep us alert and watchful in our days.**

L: Deepen our faith,

C: **That our fears disappear in our trust in you.**

L: The eyes of all look to you, O Lord.

C: **You open your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

GOD'S WORD OF HOPE & LIFE

Psalm 46

Matthew 14:22-33

TIME OF PRAYER

L: At this time of apprehension in the face of the unknown, let us bring our prayers to the Known God of our faith.

L: Lord, have mercy. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
L: Christ, have mercy. **C: Christ, have mercy.**
L: Lord, have mercy. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: In the face of peril and apprehension, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

L: In the face of mighty winds, thunderous sounds, strong rains, and surging waves, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: In the face of uncertainty, as well as concern for loved ones, neighbors, and members of your human family, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

L: In the face of our vulnerable mortality, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the strength that God alone can give, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For all it takes to keep children calm & safe, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For faith that can move mountains and remove all fear, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For trust in God's loving presence in our midst, even in these very days, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For trust that in life and in death, God will never abandon us, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the people of the South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia coastal regions, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
{a candle is lit}

L: For the people of inland regions in the path of Hurricane Florence, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
{a candle is lit}

L: For all evacuees and their families, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy. {a candle is lit}

L: For all first responders, emergency personnel, law enforcement, medical staff, and those who, by necessity, remain in the path of Florence, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
{a candle is lit}

L: For decision-makers, weather personnel, and all those in positions of authority who need your wisdom, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. {a candle is lit}

L: For all throughout the world who continue to grieve lives lost and damaged by previous storms and floods, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. {a candle is lit}
+ *Silence* +

P: Almighty God, we poor creatures place our lives into your hands that you might protect and guide us according to your will; Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear, our prayer.**

P: Be our light in the darkness, our hope in the storm, our peace in the chaos, our trust in the unknown; Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear, our prayer.

P: Mighty are your works, O Lord, and mighty is your saving hand. Turn your ear to our petitions and supplications; Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear, our prayer.

P: God of heaven and earth, God who carries our lives and the lives of our whole world in your hands, be with all in the potential peril of these days. Help us to release our anxieties and fears into those same caring hands, knowing in faith that your will is life and everlasting good. Send your holy angels to watch over and guard those in danger. May they spread their holy wings to give shelter against the storm. For you alone, O God, are all good, all life, all love, and that love is for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

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BLESSING

P: May the Lord who commands the heavens and the earth keep you steadfast in faith. **C: Amen**

P: May the Lord of thunder and wind strengthen you with his mighty power and protect you from all fear and evil. **C: Amen**

P: May the Lord of silence and peace be the still small voice of peace in your hearts all your days. **C: Amen**

P: And may Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

+ *We depart with the sharing of Christ's peace* +