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A Prayer for Hurricane Laura Recovery Efforts for Lake Charles, Louisiana and other Impacted Areas

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 23, Psalm 31:21-24, Psalm 139:17-18

Reflections of the Heart:

During hard times, God promises to help us. If we call upon Him and acknowledge Him as our God, He promises to rescue us and give us long life. Today, choose God and trust Him to help everyone impacted during this recovery time.

Scriptural Prayer:

Heavenly Father, there is none like You. What mighty praise belongs to You in Zion. You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds. You are the hope of everyone on earth and those who sail on distant seas. You formed the mountains by Your power and armed Yourself with mighty strength. You quieted the raging oceans with their pounding waves and silenced the shouting of the nations. Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of Your wonders. From where the sun rises to where it sets, You inspire shouts of joy. Thank You for protecting Lake Charles, Louisiana, East Texas and surrounding areas from total devastation and destruction from Hurricane Laura. Thank You for watching over the residents who remained in their homes as Laura's winds violently blew through that region. Holy Spirit, thank You for pouring out Your spirit of love, compassion, benevolence and generosity. Because of You, the basic needs of impacted citizens will be provided, even while there are electricity outages and the city water plant which is out of service. Thank You for moving people everywhere to show compassion and help so many who do not have food, clothing or shelter. We are sincerely grateful. Thank You for supplying all of their needs from Your glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Gracious Father, let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in Lake Charles and other impacted areas. Your Word says death and life are in the power of the tongue; so, we boldly choose life and call for new beginnings, increase and abundance for the impacted communities, now! We call the blessings of God to rest upon the business, economic, educational, political, judicial, technological, social, and health systems in Lake Charles and the other communities that are now assessing damage and preparing to rebuild homes, businesses and critical infrastructure. Jesus, we declare that Lake Charles, East Texas and the surrounding communities are strong, stable and vibrant. We command justice to run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream within every governmental agency and insurance company that is responsible for helping Louisiana and Texas citizens, and communities to recover. We rebuke every demonic power that influences the recovery process, especially the spirits of delay and greed. Peace, be still! We command the necessary funds for rebuilding to come forth! We declare that our hope and confidence are not in FEMA or the insurance industry, but our hope and trust are in You, the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

Do you know someone starting to recover from Hurricane Laura? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how you can be a blessing to that person or family:

Holy Spirit, please help those who are starting to recover from Laura. Many people are trying to rebuild their lives. Convict the heart of any business, agency or individual who would attempt to take advantage of people for profit or gain. We know that the hearts of kings and rulers are in Your hand, Father, so we ask that You would turn the hearts of the insurance companies favorably towards those who are waiting for insurance payments. We ask that You would create an urgency within the insurance industry to process insurance claims, so the people can get their lives back on track. We cry out for Lake Charles, Cameron, LA, East Texas and other impacted communities as they put their lives back together. Father, please help them. Holy Spirit, lead and guide government officials in these cities as they plan the revitalization of their respective cities. Remind them to remember the poor as they plan. Please comfort and encourage those children whose lives have been greatly disrupted by the storm. Calm their fears and help them to sleep soundly at night. Help them to remain focused and diligent in their schoolwork. Please help residents, rebuilding teams and volunteers to follow CDC guidelines as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. We pray Your hedge of protection for everyone in the region.

Father, forgive the residents of Lake Charles, East Texas and surrounding communities for their many sins. Forgive them for idolatry, murder, injustice, and sexual sin. Forgive them for not looking after the widows and orphans and for oppressing the poor and disadvantaged. Forgive them for greed, corruption and for putting the pursuit of material possessions above the needs of their neighbors. Forgive us all for murmuring and complaining instead of praying and helping. Forgive the Body of Christ for not worshipping You wholeheartedly. Holy Spirit, show all of us who we need to forgive; and help us to be quick to forgive.

Lord, lead Lake Charles and, East Texas area residents not into temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Lord, You are King! Let the nations tremble! Lord, You sit on Your throne between the cherubim. Let the whole earth quake! Lord, You sit in majesty in Jerusalem, supreme above all the nations. Let them praise Your great and awesome Name. Your Name is holy! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 65:1,5-8, Philippians 4:19, Matthew 6:10, Proverbs 18:21, Amos 5:24, Mark 4:39, Isaiah 44:6, Proverbs 21:1, Psalm 4:8, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 99:1-3

Today, I will trust God to:
