



30 Days of Prayer for

Disaster Relief



BGR Prayer Connection Resources

When disaster strikes,
your first thought might be,

What can I do?

We as believers are called to help people in need, but those needs seem overwhelming and distant. With a sense of helplessness, you might think, “All I can do is pray.” While it may feel like a last resort in times like this, prayer is a powerful tool by which we can pour out our hearts to the God of the Universe, the One who can do more than we could ask or ever imagine (Eph. 3:20).

Use this 30-day prayer guide to lift up the specific needs of survivors, relief workers, volunteers and churches impacted by a major disaster, whether a hurricane, earthquake, flooding, or other catastrophe. Each week, dwell on the Psalm of comfort and pray each day using the short prayer prompts. Your prayers will bring healing and comfort to others during a time of chaos. They will also deepen your own relationship with God.

Baptist Global Response (BGR) is a disaster relief and community development organization with a heart for helping people in desperate need. We seek to demonstrate the love of God so people in need have the opportunity to experience the full and meaningful lives God created them to enjoy. Our desire is to see people live their lives with hope and peace, inspired to raise their families in confidence, build their communities with dignity, and share this life with others. To read more about BGR’s work with refugees, visit gobgr.org/refugees.

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Psalm 46

*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.*

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
He lifts his voice, the earth melts.*

*The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

*Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations He has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
He burns the shields with fire.
He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."*

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- 1 Pray for everyone involved in this current disaster: survivors, local churches and pastors, BGR partners, and volunteer teams. Pray for God's direction and wisdom on the entire response. Also pray that the Lord would be glorified in the midst of tragedy.
- 2 Pray for the search for survivors. Pray for help to arrive swiftly and that as many people as possible would be rescued.
- 3 Pray for those affected by this disaster. Ask God to comfort and strengthen them by His Spirit as they begin to process their unimaginable loss.
- 4 Pray for insight and divine guidance as initial assessment teams survey the affected areas. Ask God to lead them as they determine the areas of greatest need. Pray for favor with the local government as assessment teams plan their response.
- 5 Pray for God's favor as response teams purchase supplies for shelters and other immediate needs.
- 6 Pray for God's wisdom as leaders organize relief efforts and identify specific people who need to be brought together for each team.
- 7 Pray for the physical, emotional, and mental strength of those who are working on the ground in the relief efforts. The long days and nights of meeting needs can lead to exhaustion and fatigue.
- 8 Pray that God would guide local church leaders and BGR partners to identify areas neglected or overlooked in initial assessments.
- 9 Pray for those traumatized by the disaster to find healing and hope for the days ahead.
- 10 Pray for the safety of recovery and relief teams as they help devastated areas.

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Pray that God would protect workers from strife, jealousy, resentment, and conflict so that only God's love will be seen through them.

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Pray for people who lost loved ones in the disaster. Ask God to give them peace that passes understanding.

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Pray for the most vulnerable in communities, such as the elderly, the disabled, children, and widows, all of whom are often overlooked in a disaster.

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Pray that the right people and resources will be available. Also pray that the volunteer relief teams can come together quickly and smoothly.

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Pray that BGR partners, local churches, and volunteer teams will be effective and efficient. Pray that they will get as much work done as quickly as possible.

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Pray that God would equip local churches physically, emotionally, and spiritually to meet the overwhelming needs around them.

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Because the infrastructure is often severely damaged in a disaster, pray for the logistics necessary to begin recovery. Pray for the supply chain that will provide housing, transportation, and supplies to the affected areas.

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Pray for teams and volunteers to find time to rest in the midst of the many demands on their time and energy.

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Pray that God would use those working in the relief efforts to bring hope, encouragement and the message of God's love to the victims.

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Pray for God to empower volunteer teams as they meet not only the physical needs, but also the emotional and spiritual needs of the victims.

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Pray for the hearts of the people to be touched by the love of God shown to them through the relief efforts.

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