

PRAYERS AND WORSHIP RESOURCES IN A TIME OF FLOODING

A Prayer in a Time of Disaster

God our comforter, you are a refuge and a strength for us, a helper close at hand in times of distress. Enable us so to hear the words of faith that our fear is dispelled, our loneliness eased, our anxiety calmed, and our hope reawakened. May your Holy Spirit lift us above our sorrow to the peace and light of your constant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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DIALOG (from the Psalms)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains be toppled
into the depths of the sea;

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not resort to evil spirits
or turn to false gods.

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from us,

let your love and your faithfulness keep us safe forever.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver us; O Lord, Make haste to help us.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

A Prayer in the Midst of Flooding

P: let us pray...

ALL: Holy, mighty and loving God, we give you thanks that out of love you gave your Son so that the world might be saved. We are thankful for all those who are working hard and giving of themselves to help those endangered by ice, snow, and rising waters. Give them strength and courage. Be merciful to us and all those who face rising spring waters, save us from the devastation of floods, keep us safe, and calm our fears; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymns:

- "God, Whose Almighty Word",
- "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"
- "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
- "Abide With Me"

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