

CRISIS INSERT: NATURAL DISASTERS

Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Wildfires & Floods — 4-5 Minutes

“He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.”

— **Mark 4:39 NIV**

Use this insert alongside the Praying in Times of Crisis guide when the crisis at hand is a hurricane, tornado, wildfire, flood, earthquake, or other natural disaster.

1. Opening Focus (0.5 min)

Quiet your heart before the Lord. Remember that creation itself “groans as in the pains of childbirth” (Romans 8:22), and that the same Jesus who calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee still speaks peace over wind and wave, fire and flood, today.

2. Scripture Anchor (1 min)

Read Mark 4:39 aloud, along with one of these:

- “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way...” (Psalm 46:1-2 NIV)
- “We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.” (Romans 8:22 NIV)
- “Then the Lord answered Job out of the storm...” (Job 38:1 NIV)

3. Focused Intercession (2.5 min)

Remember Elijah, who prayed persistently on Mount Carmel until the drought broke and rain finally came (1 Kings 18). Let his perseverance mark your prayer as you cry out for:

- Protection over every family, home, and community in the direct path of the storm, fire, or flood
- Safety and supernatural strength for first responders, firefighters, rescue workers, and emergency personnel
- Comfort for those who have lost homes, possessions, or loved ones, and healing for the traumatized
- Provision — shelter, food, water, clean-up resources, and rebuilding funds to appear from unexpected places
- Wisdom for emergency management officials, meteorologists, and local leaders coordinating the response

- That the shaking of creation would awaken desperation for God rather than despair, and that His redemptive purpose would be revealed even in the wreckage (Haggai 2:6-9)

4. Declaration (1 min)

Pray this declaration aloud:

“In the name of Jesus, we speak peace over this storm, this fire, this flood. Wind and wave, be still. Lord, protect every life in harm’s way, strengthen every responder, and comfort every grieving heart. Provide for every need, and let this crisis awaken hunger for You rather than hopelessness. We stand in the gap for those affected, and we trust You to bring beauty from these ashes. In Jesus’ holy name, Amen.”

5. Closing Thanksgiving (0.5 min)

Thank God that He rules even over the wind and the waves, that no storm is beyond His reach, and that He is already at work bringing restoration. Amen and Amen.

Total runtime: ~5 minutes

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