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***Worship Resources for
the 5th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina
and ongoing recovery of the Gulf of Mexico***

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Litany – storms/floods

O Lord, when the waters rage and foam,
Still the storms and grant us your peace.
When the gift of creation becomes burden,
Still the storms and grant us your peace.
When our fears threaten to overtake us,
Still the storms and grant us your peace.
Speak your word to the wind and to the water,
Fill us with faith.
Show us your care in the service of others,
Fill us with compassion.
Make the joy of your peace overflow in our lives,
Fill us with hope.

Litany – ecological disaster

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth
And it was good.
God created day and night, land and sea, plants and animals.
And it was good.
God created humankind in the image of God.
And it was good.
Yet we stray from your goodness and our careless ways cause destruction,
Renew the face of the earth.
Our ways of consumption lead to devastation,
Renew the face of the earth.
Creation groans and creatures cry out,
Renew the face of the earth.
In accordance with your promise of life,
we live in hope for a new heaven and a new earth,
where creation is healed and righteousness abounds
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers

Petition to add to Sundays and Seasons Prayers of Intercession Sunday, August 29, 2010

For the devastation in the Gulf of Mexico
and those who suffered the effects of Hurricane Katrina five years ago,
that recovery and renewal of the water, land, industries and communities
continues as a sign of grace and hope.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Praying for those suffering from storms or flooding

Loving God,

in the communion of Christ, we are joined with the trials and sufferings of all.

Be with those who endure the *wind and rain/flooding and ecological disaster*.

Protect those in the path of danger.

Open the pathway of evacuations.

Help loved ones find one another in the chaos.

Provide assistance to those who need help.

Ease the fears of all and make your presence known in the stillness of your peace;

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Storms or Disaster

Especially for those who were directly impacted by storms or flooding.

Merciful God,

Hear our cry for mercy in the wake of *wind and water/ecological disaster*.

Reveal your presence in the midst of our suffering.

Help us to trust in your promises of hope and life

so that desperation and grief will not overtake us.

Come quickly to our aid that we may know peace and joy again.

Strengthen us in this time of trial

with assurance of hope we know in the death and resurrection

of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer after Storms or Disaster

Especially for those in areas that were not directly impacted by storms or flooding.

Gracious God,

Your word of peace stills the *storms/ecological disasters* that damage our world.

Bring hope to places that know devastation in the calm after *the storm/flooding/disaster*.

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Bring comfort to those who grieve the loss of loved ones and property.
Let your love be known through those who work to bring order in the chaos.
Help us to shoulder the burden of suffering
and make us bearers of the hope that can be found in you
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Ecological Disaster

Loving God,
when our ways of life lead to ecological disaster,
your creation groans and your creatures suffer.
Send your Spirit to renew the earth and seas.
Guide and sustain the work of relief and recovery.
Inspire us in our stewardship of all that you have made
so that we may continue to rejoice with earth and sea and all your creatures,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymns and Songs

ELW 794	Calm to the Waves
ELW 756	Eternal Father, Strong to Save
ELW 755	Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me
ELW 767	Lord, take my hand and lead me
ELW 739	Touch the Earth Lightly
ELW 715	Christ, Be Our Light
ELW 701	Once We Sang and Danced
ELW 702	You, Dear Lord
ELW 618	Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
ELW 626	By Gracious Powers
ELW 639	When We Are Living (Pues si vivimos)
ELW 698	How Long, O God
ELW 699	In Deepest Night
ELW 405	O Spirit of Life
ELW 404	Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Additional hymns may be found in the LAMENT, HEALING, and HOPE, ASSURANCE sections of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymns.