

Day 6 - Victims of Natural Disasters

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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. ...

Psalm 91: 1-7

There are a few things in life that we can control, like whether we will accept Jesus and His free gift of salvation, is one of them. However, natural disasters are truly out of our realm of control. Tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tsunamis, and wildfires have torn our nation and this world apart. The loss of life, property and livestock has been tremendous over recent years.

Once the disaster has left the front page and it no longer consumes the nightly news, the healing process is just beginning and in most cases will go on for years to come. We cannot forget the lives that are lost, and the loved ones left behind to pick up the pieces. The homes that were destroyed and the business that perished along with countless dreams...they still need our prayers.

I remember all too well losing everything to a fire that started because wasps decided to build a nest in the ballast of a light fixture in the attic. I stood there and watched everything that we owned become ashes. It wasn't until the news crews had left and the last hose had been tucked away that I learned we didn't have homeowners insurance. Had it not been for the prayers of the saints and the favor of God, we would have been doomed. I know that people were praying for us because I didn't lose my mind in the process. It only took a few days for my disaster to become old news, but the ramifications of the fire lasted for a very long time.

We must pray and keep praying for those who have lost everything, loved ones, homes, businesses, etc. Their pain doesn't go away overnight. Sometimes the healing and restoration can take years. Some people never recovered from Katrina and that was several years ago. We have to care enough to be moved to keep them before the throne of God.

Let us pray...

Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask that you forgive us for our sins. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness as we bow before your throne. We praise you, oh God, for who you are. We magnify your name and give you all honor and glory.

Lord, we understand that natural disasters will come, but we lift up those who have been victims. Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask that you restore to them all that was lost and you comfort those who lost loved ones.

We ask Father, that you restore homes, businesses, schools. We ask that you send honest workers and reliable aid to help them restore life to normalcy. Make sure that they have food, lights, water and communication expeditiously. Give them favor with those in a position to bless them, Father.

Lord, soften the hearts of those who are in a position to help with shelter, clothes, food, medical supplies, transportation and personal items. We ask that the government officials are given wisdom on how to rebuild and restore in a timely manner.

Thank you , Father, for meeting the needs of your people.

These things we ask in the name of Jesus...Amen.