

Katrina Sunday
August 31, 2008

Suggested Prayers of the People

In peace we pray to you, O God of steadfast love.

Lord God, with grateful hearts we thank you for the many blessings of our lives, for the joy of families reunited, and the hope of homes and communities restored. We give thanks, too, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in the continued prayers and presence of our sisters and brothers in Christ who have given so much to hurricane recovery. God of steadfast love, *hear our prayer.*

Protect us, O God, from the storms of life; help us to trust in you and open our hearts to care for one another. God of steadfast love, *hear our prayer.*

Guide all those who govern and hold authority, that they would act with justice and mercy for the good of all who share in our common life, especially along the Gulf Coast. God of steadfast love, *hear our prayer.*

Grant that your holy and life-giving Spirit may remove the barriers which divide us and so inspire us to serve you in all members of our community. God of steadfast love, *hear our prayer.*

Comfort and strengthen all those in any sorrow, need, or adversity, especially those grieving lives lost to Katrina and Rita, and those still seeking the shelter of a steady home. God of steadfast love, *hear our prayer.*

Give to the departed, especially those who perished during and after the storms of 2005, eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Suggested Concluding Collect

(BCP p. 395, #5)

O Lord Our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*