

## **A Prayer concerning the Mudslides in California**

God of mercy, we pray for those in Santa Barbara County, California who have been impacted by mudslides and flash floods. We have been shocked by what we have seen and shaken by the stories we have heard.

We bring before you families who have lost loved ones, that you might bring comfort. We pray for those who have been injured, for their healing.

God of courage and wisdom, walk with the first responders and others who continue to look for the missing and those who may still be trapped.

We remember those who will be charged with rebuilding, give them insight and perseverance for the long journey. We pray for those who have lost their homes, may they find welcome and safety from the elements.

God of mercy, by your Spirit move people to show compassion to the grieving, the homeless, and the overwhelmed.

These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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