

Prayer to the God of wind and rain, snow and sunshine

God of wind and rain, snow and sunshine, we come to you to talk about the weather.

Windstorms in Uttar Pradesh, India killing over 100. Flooding in Fredericton, New Brunswick breaking records and displacing households.

Unusually cold spring with heavy snow falls in much of North America. And dust storms in northern Africa leading to suspended air travel.

While in the Cariboo, British Columbia it was so dry last year there were huge forest fires, and this year it is flooding that threatens the region.

God of mercy we pray for all these situations and many others where the weather is playing havoc with people's lives.

God who sends wind and thunder, in your Son Jesus you also stilled the storm, we bring before you people impacted by the weather.

O God, we pray for those who have lost loved ones in wind storms in India and around the world.

O God, we pray for those who have suffered the loss of property and the mementos that make memories linking us to our history.

O God, we pray for government officials, municipal leaders, fire departments, electrical service workers, and others who while working in difficult circumstances might know the encouragement and strengthening that only the Holy Spirit can give.

O God, we pray for our Christian sisters and brothers on the front lines of responding to weather crises, give them resilience in trying times, and hope that your renewing hand will someday bring all things into harmony and reconciliation.

O God, we pray that you would use us to respond to people in need, that we might live out and reflect more deeply on your holy care for the entire world.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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