

A Prayer on Oct. 11, 2018

God in your kingdom ruined cities will be re-built and devastated places will be raised up.

We pray for the people of Mexico Beach, Port St. Joe, and Panama City along with other communities in the Florida panhandle and communities in the path of Hurricane Michael.

We pray for those who have lost loved ones, asking for your comfort.

We remember those who have lost property, possessions, and family keepsakes, asking for your mercy.

We pray for first responders, power line repairers, debris removing teams, shelter staff, and emergency response coordinators all of who are working in difficult and often dangerous situations, asking for safety and wisdom.

We pray for children whose schools and homes are destroyed, and who have had their lives turned upside down, asking for adults who care and can give them time.

We thank you for those who are showing care and compassion, those who are providing places of shelter and cups of cold water, those who are taking time to listen to stories. Thank you for their care.

As the slow process of rebuilding begins, give perseverance and courage, and may those who rebuild ruined cities find that they are strengthened by a strength beyond themselves.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is bringing the restoration of all things. Amen.

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