

Prayers and Other Worship Resources for Disasters

Responding to tornadoes

Prayers:

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/prayers-for-those-facing-disasters>

In Song:

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/hymns-in-times-of-crisis>

Worship Materials:

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/when-the-wind-blows-worship-resources-for-use-after-hurricanes-or-other-nat>
- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/great-thanksgiving-for-times-of-natural-disaster>

Responding to Ukraine:

Worship Materials:

- https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/brief-service-of-worship-in-time-of-ukraine-russian-war?mc_cid=ccfdeaf99c&mc_eid=611ae0b46d

Migrant Sunday is the First Sunday in Advent

Prayers:

An Intercessory Prayer:

Reader 1: Lord, we bring to you the weeping and wailing of the mothers of this world, waiting for their children who have disappeared in the sea, in the desert, in uncertainty:

Congregation: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me”

Reader 2: Refugees, men, women and children, from the war zones of this world, who are fleeing hunger and poverty, in the hope of a better, more secure life.

Congregation: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me”

Reader 3: We bring to you our lament for those who have died stranded at our borders, those who have died fleeing through deserts, mountains and seas. We call upon you and we join in the cry of those who have died seeking justice and a better world.

Congregation: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Reader 1: Lord, we bring to you our shame for turning away and remaining silent. We have enough to eat in Europe - and do not see that we also create the causes of hunger. We are insatiable and do not realize that is the cause of many wars. We're silent, when we should speak and act.

Congregation: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Reader 2: Lord, we bring before you our political leaders, who are not making decisions about mere numbers, but about the destiny of many human beings. Sharpen their awareness of how things are interrelated. Keep their consciences alert. Let them develop rules that are guided by humanity and a vision of peace.

Congregation: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Reader 3: Lord, give us the strength to bear witness to the suffering of your children on the run, on their way to us, at our borders, in refugee camps and among us, in detention, waiting to be deported, in fear of the dangers that lie ahead, in mourning for those who have died. Help us, Lord.

All: Hear our prayer. Amen.

(Adapted from a prayer of Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME) and German Ecumenical Committee on Church Asylum)

In Song:

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/god-how-can-we-comprehend>
- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/christ-said-accept-the-stranger>
- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/when-jesus-was-a-refugee>
- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/refugee-people>

Worship Materials:

- <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-worldwide/global-relationships/get-involved-globally/resources/liturgy-for-migrants-and-refugees-2019/>

General Resources

Prayers:

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/before-and-after>
- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/prayers-for-those-facing-disasters>

In Song:

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/hymns-in-times-of-crisis>
- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/prayer-and-response-in-time-of-disaster>

Worship Materials

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/when-the-wind-blows-worship-resources-for-use-after-hurricanes-or-other-nat>
- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/great-thanksgiving-for-times-of-natural-disaster>
- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/words-and-worship-after-the-tornado>

UMCOR and Disaster Response Information:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/19wNh7VVQffZet-dODsr-xULyGkjlqkP_bvFFxjQoIUo/edit

Submit other available resources or original prayers, songs, worship materials, devotions, etc. to Rev. Jen Huff, Missions Coordinator of The United Methodist Churches of Indiana: jennifer.huff@inumc.org