

Pastoral Prayer

July 7, 2024

We pray, O God, for those who have endured the storms.

We pray for those in Jamaica, St. Vincent, the Grenadines, Barbados, Venezuela, and Mexico that have been lashed by the winds and rain of Hurricane Beryl. We pray for those who have lost homes, livelihoods, and loved ones. We pray for those in the storm's path, that they may endure.

We pray for those who face the human-made storms of war, oppression, domestic violence, poisoned environments, and global climate change. We pray for those who wonder how they'll endure a storm on the way. We pray for those who wonder how they'll recover from a storm that has passed. We pray for those who wonder when, if ever, the storm will end.

Give us resilience to endure the storms of our lives, O God, and give us aid from others around us to recover. Give us wisdom to prepare. Most of all, O God, visit us with peace, so that our lives may be something more than storms, something more than fear, something more than endurance. May we, and all the world, find comfort in your ever-flowing love.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.