

# Prayers of the People

**Leader:** Loving God, following the hurricanes and the storms, we've watched the earth being covered with flood waters.

**People:** We remember your promise and your covenant that the entire earth would never again be destroyed by flood waters.

**Leader:** God of Hope, we remember the rainbow you placed in the sky.

**People:** The rainbow is God's promises for all people everywhere, including a promise of hope for the people suffering following the hurricanes.

**Leader:** Engaging God, you call us to action.

**People:** For you are not a God of distance, but a God who comes close to us in the humanity of Christ.

**Leader:** You are not a God of inactivity.

**People:** But a God who is constantly engaged with the needs of the world and the sufferings of your people.

**Leader:** Call us from complacency to action so we can show the love of God to others.

**People:** We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.

**Leader:** We want to help people forced from their homes due to natural disasters.

**People:** We will reach out to others with compassion because they are God's children in need.

**Leader:** Loving God, help us to be people of faith and to put that faith into action.

**People:** Help us to be the rainbow of hope to the people who need to see your love.

**Leader:** Raise us from hopelessness to a belief in new possibilities, as we follow the example of the ever-giving Christ.

**People:** This is our prayer for a new beginning for God's people. We pray that we will be God's rainbow to all of God's children. Amen.

