

*A Prayer Service in the Aftermath of Flooding  
in the Baton Rouge, Louisiana Region  
August 15, 2016*



**Leader:**

Merciful God, we pray with and for those who are suffering from the effects of flooding.  
We hearken to the words of Psalm 69.

**Reader:** (*Psalm 69:14-18,34-37*)

*I pray to you, Lord, for the time of your favor.  
God, in your great kindness answer me with your constant help.  
Rescue me from the mire; do not let me sink.  
Rescue me from my enemies and from the watery depths.  
Do not let the floodwaters overwhelm me,  
nor the deep swallow me,  
nor the mouth of the pit close over me.  
Answer me, Lord, in your generous love;  
in your great mercy turn to me.  
Do not hide your face from your servant;  
in my distress hasten to answer me!  
... For the Lord hears the poor, does not spurn those in bondage.  
Let the heavens and the earth sing praise,  
the seas and whatever move in them!  
God will rescue Zion, rebuild the cities of Judah.  
God's servants shall dwell in the land and possess it;  
it shall be the heritage of their descendants;  
those who love God's name shall dwell there.*

**Leader:** Holy God, look with pity upon all those who have been left homeless, bereft, and in shock in the wake of this disaster.

**All:** May your loving compassion bring healing, O Lord.

**Leader:** Source of all Consolation, welcome those who have died to your never-failing care and give comfort those who grieve. Bring recovery and health to our neighbors who are injured.

**All:** May your loving compassion bring healing, O Lord.

**Leader:** God of Mercy, grant us the courage, strength and generosity to bring help to those among us who suffer and restore them to wholeness.

**All:** May your loving compassion bring healing, O Lord.

**Leader:** We ask all these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All:** Amen.