## PRAYING GOD'S WORD IN TIMES OF CRISIS

## In times of disaster, crisis, or emergency, God is with us. Pray His Word as He meets us where we are.

Give thanks to God in every circumstance. He is always good. (Phil 4:4) (Ps 34:1-3) (1 Thess 5:18)

**Pray for people to reach out to God** in times of crisis, to seek God in prayer, to see their need for God, and ultimately be saved. (*Jn 3:16-17*)

**Pray for human life** to be spared. (*Ps 34:4-7*) (2 *Cor 1:10*)

Pray that people would ask God about the situation—"Is God telling us something?" (1 Sam 3:10)

**Pray that citizens would help each other** prepare before the crisis and after. (Mt 5:42) (Mt 25:35-36)

**Pray for peace** for residents who are hopeless, scared, alone, or mourning. (*Ps 23:4*) (*Ps 46:1-3*)

Pray that there would be no price gouging or scams, but instead generosity. (Ps 37:21)

**Pray for first responders**—for their safety and families—they often have crisis situations of their own. (Ps 91)

**Pray for wise decisions** by local government about aid, evacuation plans, safety directions, and law enforcement. (I Tim 2:1-2) (Pr 19:8)

Pray for law enforcement who keep the peace, rescue, assist, and comfort residents. (Mat 5:9)

**Pray for organizations** who help in crisis—for wise use of funds and for the ability to meet critical needs. (*Phil 2:1-4*)

**Pray for open hearts** of people around the nation—to give, to help, and to pray for those who are in crisis. (*Pr 22:9*) (*Ps 86:6-7*)

Pray for doctors, nurses, and health care professionals who are treating patients. (1 Thess 1:2)

Pray for healing of the sick and injured. (Ja 5:13-14)

**Pray for the elderly and for children**—the most vulnerable among us. (*Ps 82:3-4*) (*Lk 10:25-37*)

**Pray for churches** and leaders reaching out in times of crisis. Ask God to give them grace and opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ at a time when people need help. (*Mt 9:37-38*)

**Pray for businesses** who are affected. Pray for hope, swift recovery, and for the will to rebuild and provide for their families and others. (*Ja 5:7-8*) (*Phil 4:19*)

**Pray for the community.** Pray for citizens to rebuild; schools, stores, and businesses to reopen; and for order to emerge. (*Heb 13:18*)

**Pray for God to be glorified.** Pray for the crisis to bring opportunities for Christians to share their faith, see God move, tell others about answered prayer, and build faith in the community. (*Ps 40:1-5*)

