

A Prayer for Those Enduring Hurricane Laura

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Dear God,  
It is in times like this  
When the wrath of Nature threatens our homes and families  
And danger is all around us  
That You seem far off.

Almighty God,  
Show us that You are with us  
In this time of darkness, danger, and disease  
By enabling the better spirits of our nature,  
Giving us courage and endurance  
And helping us to face  
Whatever may come.

Remember those who forewent the possibility of escape  
To shelter in place  
And care for  
An aged parent or neighbor.

When the calamity is past  
And the winds move away,  
Strengthen the hands  
Of the rescuers  
And those who risk their lives  
That others might live.

Quieten the tears  
Of small children and others  
As they huddle at home  
Or in socially-distanced shelters.

Bring us together as a nation  
In the selfless and supporting spirit  
Which characterizes our country.

And deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the greatness, and the Power, and the glory:  
And let us say Amen.