## Litany: Praying for Strength after the Hurricanes

*Leader:* Merciful God, we are disheartened by the hurricanes' assaults on Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Islands that caused loss of lives and homes, along with power outage, mudslides and flooding.

People: We pray for those who are displaced and distressed.

*Leader:* Merciful God, we revere your majestic power. In time of calamity, we look upon you to rebuild, restore and renew.

*People:* We pray for those who have been weakened and are in need of strength.

*Leader:* Merciful God, we come from the north, from the south, from the east, and from the west. We come from all walks of life with different languages and ethnicities.

*People:* We pray for the body, mind and soul—for fullness of life lived in harmony.

*Leader:* Merciful God, we stand as one body in Christ. We yearn for courage and renewed strength to move forward.

*People:* We pray to you, Merciful God, that you will not let us forget our brothers and sisters.

All: Amen.

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