



## Praying as families for families affected by natural calamities.

Day 30

Floods, landslides, heavy storms, earthquakes, and tornados are among the most prevalent natural disasters. Depending on where people are situated, many learn to adapt to these extreme situations and continue their life journey amidst these calamities. However, families who have experienced these calamities have suffered greatly, losing both possessions and loved ones.

In Isaiah 58:11, the Lord promises respite for those in sun-scorched lands, saying, "he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land." Despite extreme conditions, God, in His great plan, provides relief for His people. This underscores His care for His people even when nature causes distress.

The fallen world has witnessed numerous disasters and calamities due to human greed and negligence as stewards of the planet. Human sinfulness affects the world we live in, but it does not mean that God punishes humankind through natural disasters. The Book of Ezekiel reminds us that God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked (Ezekiel 18:23).

When Jesus came to this world, He calmed the storm by speaking to the winds and waves. His disciples, frightened, questioned His care as they faced potential danger. Jesus does not cause nor take pleasure in natural calamities; like the disciples, we may question God's care in such situations. However, we know that God cares, and the world groans toward redemption until these disasters are no more.

Given these realities, what can the body of Christ do to represent Jesus' love and care in such occasions? Our call is to pray and intercede for those affected by these disasters, seeking God's gracious presence to meet their needs. Alongside prayer, let us take tangible steps to support and collaborate with churches and agencies in bringing relief to affected families.

The Bible mentions signs of natural calamities as we approach His second coming, but it also assures us of the place He is preparing



where there will be no more tears or sorrows. May the Lord, who is preparing a place free from sin and disaster, guide us to reach our goal by helping and supporting one another through His grace.

## **LET US PRAY**

Lord Jesus, who knows and calms the fury of waves and winds, we plead for families battling issues caused by natural disasters. We cling to your promise to satisfy us even in disturbing situations and ask for your mighty hand to help and protect those in need. Lord Jesus, we pray for families who have lost properties and loved ones due to calamities. Have mercy on them, provide for their needs, and lead us all to prepare for the place you have planned for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

