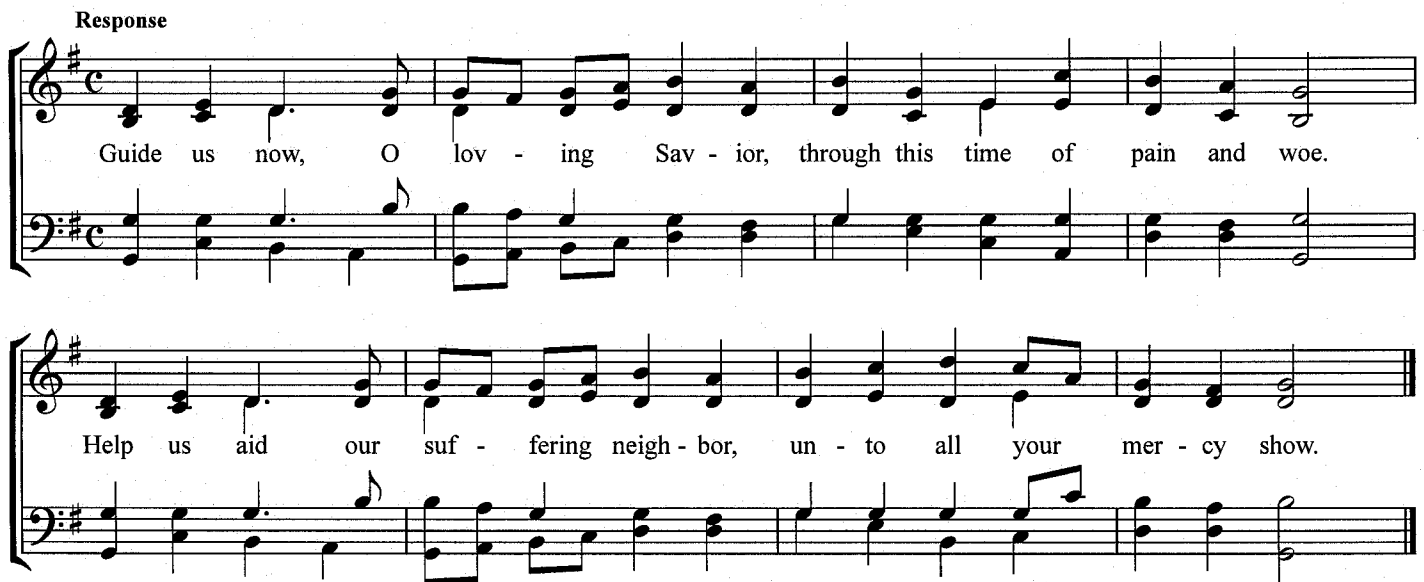


A Prayer and Response in Time of Disaster

Response



Guide us now, O lov - ing Sav - ior, through this time of pain and woe.

Help us aid our suf - fering neigh - bor, un - to all your mer - cy show.

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We see the devastation on the gulf [in the land],
And our hearts are wrenched within us.
We see the suffering of God's children,
And we grieve for their loss and pain.

We entrust them into the hands of the Lord,
And cover them with our prayers for protection.
May they be filled with God's gift of peace,
And feel the working of God's gift of grace.R

We lift them up in their time of wandering,
We pray for them as they pass from place to place.
Even as they pass through a wilderness of the soul,
May the glory of the Lord still be revealed to them.

May our brothers and sisters feel the love which surrounds them,
Not only the love of the Lord, but also the love we feel for them.
May we be inspired to a generosity like unto that of Christ,
A generosity which is both spiritual and tangible. R

As this drama of life unfolds before us and among us,
May God be at work in their hearts and our hearts.
May we all walk in God's spirit as they seek rest and hope,
And our arms be open wide during their time of need.

May they be blessed by God as they seek to start again,
And we be God's feet and hands in their new world.
These things we pray in the name of Christ our Savior,
The one who first loves us that we might love others in His name!R

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