

Loving God of all creation
look on those whose lives have been stricken by the flooding of large areas of our country,
Be with those who weep for loved ones lost
Comfort those whose homes are gone
Strengthen those whose livelihood has disappeared
We see your face
In the steadfastness of tireless rescue workers,
In the generous hands of friends, neighbours and strangers
In the guidance of our leaders
In the words and prayers of countless people
Give us the courage to rebuild our land renewed in hope
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. *AMEN*

Prepared by Bronwyn Fryar

Lord, have mercy on the people in the flooded places of this nation,
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We pray for the emergency services workers.
Keep them safe as they protect lives and property.
We pray for the organisers of rescue and relief efforts.
Guide their decisions as they allocate resources and plan ahead.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people whose homes and belongings have been damaged or lost.
Stay close to them, and give them strong friends and helpers to support them.
We pray for the people who have been evacuated or who are waiting anxiously.
Give a calm spirit in times of stress and fear.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people whose livelihood is lost or threatened.
Give them courage and energy to face the future with hope.
We pray for the Anglicans with a role in sustaining community in this crisis.
Make their faith and prayer strong, and enrich their loving care for their neighbours.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people who have lost friends or family members to the floods.
Hold them in your care through the deep waters of grief.
We entrust to your eternal mercy the people who have died in the floods.
Bring them, in Christ, to everlasting life.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Prepared by The Rev'd Dr Elizabeth Smith

Great God
whose love for us knows no bounds,
we pray for all those who are affected by floods:
comfort all who grieve for loved ones lost;
strengthen those who face destruction of homes, memories and livelihoods;
encourage and sustain police, defence force, SES and church personnel and
all who bring relief and assistance.
Fill our hearts with compassion and generosity for all in need.
As we face our greatest fears
may we know the assurance of your presence with us
and hold fast to the promise of new life beyond all adversity.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord
and who lives with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer commended for use in services by
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