

## A Litany for the Anniversary of Hurricane Harvey

- V. We gasp, gracious God, as we see the hurricane preparedness alerts, and we wonder what made our hearts skip a beat.  
R. *Remember us, O God.*
- V. It happened—the much-needed rain became too much. It wouldn't leave—and it wouldn't stop. It hung around, this unwelcome visitor, Harvey.  
R. *Remember us, O God.*
- V. It wreaked havoc on people's lives, homes, businesses, property, possessions, and on our sense of safety, routine, and security.  
R. *Remember us, O God.*
- V. Harvey sent out waves of destruction, waves which kept coming for days, weeks, and months—so much was lost.  
R. *Remember us, O God.*
- V. And so much was found!  
R. *May your light shine in our darkness, O Loving God.*
- V. Neighbor helped neighbor. Strangers from near and far appeared and brought rescue, food, water, and hope.  
R. *May your light shine in our darkness, O Loving God.*
- V. Many experienced community in a new and empowering way.  
R. *May your light shine in our darkness, O Loving God.*
- V. Our sense of isolation was absorbed in receiving the gifts of others as well as in the giving of gifts ourselves. We helped one another cry.  
R. *May your light shine in our darkness, O Loving God.*
- V. As our recovery from Harvey is still ongoing, bless us with patient endurance in body, mind, and heart.  
R. *May we find peace in Your Presence, Lord.*
- V. As we approach the anniversary of the beginning of Harvey's destruction,  
R. *May we find peace in Your Presence, Lord.*
- V. We rejoice in hopeful gratitude of the volunteers, youth groups, churches, and so many others that are organizing rebuilding projects throughout this season of recovery.  
R. *May we find peace in Your Presence, Lord.*
- V. We ask your continued healing from the wounds and losses of Harvey's impact. May we be grounded in your love and strengthened by your power.  
R. *May we find peace in Your Presence, Lord.*

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*