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The UCC's 2018 Hurricane Recovery Appeal puts you at the heart of the response to 2018 hurricanes now and in the long-term recovery. Hurricane Michael slammed into the Florida panhandle on October 10 as a Category 4 hurricane with winds of 155 mph. The winds and rain continued across Georgia and the Carolinas with widespread flooding. These areas had already been hit last month by Hurricane Florence.

Hurricane Florence roared ashore in the U.S. Carolinas in September. Communities experienced mass flooding. The environmental and economic impacts of the storm's damage are vast. Super Typhoon Mangkhut (AKA Ompong) created devastation in the Philippines, and wreaked havoc in Hong Kong, China and other parts of Asia.

DONATE now to deepen the impact of that immediate response and long-term recovery work with a focus on the most vulnerable by addressing injustice, responding to the whole community, and filling gaps in service.

VOLUNTEER Your service is needed now in Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Florida, recovering from 2017 hurricanes. Your service will be needed in long-term recovery in the Carolinas. Bookmark UCC Disaster Ministries Volunteer page for details. www.ucc.org/disaster_disaster-volunteers



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O God, We’ve Prayed in Wind and Rain

by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Tune: ST. ANNE CM (“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”)

O God, we’ve prayed in wind and rain and now we pray once more
For those who felt the hurricane and heard the waters roar.

We pray for those who watched the storm destroy the life they knew,
Who wait in shelters, tired and worn, and wonder what to do.

We thank you, God, for acts of love not bound by race or creed,
For hands that reach across the flood to all who are in need.

We pray for others far away who’ve seen destruction, too;
We look beyond ourselves, for they are also loved by you.

We pray that leaders of our land will heed creation’s cry,
And bravely care and take a stand for earth and sea and sky.

Where rains flood cities, homes and towns may we go out to be
A witness that your love abounds in each community.

Tune: Attr. William Croft, 1708; Alternative Tune: “Amazing Grace,” Virginia
Harmony, 1831 Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900.

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