

## **GLOBAL SOLIDARITY PRAYER RESOURCES (MARCH 2018)**

### **To Accompany Bulletin Items:**

- *Philippines Volcanic Eruptions*
- *Our Lenten Journey Continues*

As Catholics, we recognize that prayer is of the utmost importance, an invaluable contribution to helping the poor overseas. It guides our actions; it binds us in solidarity to one another and connects us more deeply with the grace that flows from God.

We invite you to join us in praying the following prayers this month. Share them with your parish and/or school community, so our hearts may be one and steadfast as we turn again to the work of the Lord: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and the captive. It is very important at this critical time in areas of tragedy and violence that U.S. Catholics stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

### **PRAYER – PHILIPPINES VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS:**

#### **‘STRENGTHEN YOUR PEOPLE ’**

#### **COMPASSIONATE GOD,**

We pray for all in the Philippines  
affected by the eruptions of Mount Mayon,  
especially families in overcrowded evacuation centers  
and those who have lost their homes and livelihoods.

Lord, give strength to those who need  
to carry on with patience and perseverance,  
and move us with your compassion,  
that we may respond generously to those still in need.

We ask this through Your Son Jesus Christ,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
One God forever and ever.

Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL – PHILIPPINES VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS:**

- ❖ Jesus, you are close to the brokenhearted; be with those most affected by the eruptions of Mount Mayon, lifting them in their despair and placing their feet on safer ground, we pray to the Lord...

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

- ❖ Jesus, who gives strength to the weary, grant encouragement and might to all aid workers who are reaching out to the volcano's victims in their distress, we pray to the Lord...

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

## **PRAYER – OUR LENTEN JOURNEY CONTINUES:**

### **'ENCOUNTERING THE RISEN CHRIST'**

#### **ETERNAL FATHER,**

You offered us the example of the Good Samaritan,  
who stops to heed the cries of a person in need.  
As we advance on our Lenten journey,  
may we continue to walk with our brothers and sisters  
around the world who are hungry,  
with those who must flee their homes because of war  
or lack of opportunity,  
and with all who need our comfort and compassion.

We pray that these, our Lenten sacrifices,  
may be an offering of solidarity  
and a promise of ongoing encounter  
with our one human family.

As good stewards of your many gifts,  
may we always remember to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
And wherever we feed the hungry,  
give drink to the thirsty  
or welcome the stranger,  
may we remember that we are encountering the Risen Christ.

We ask this through Your Son Jesus Christ,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
One God forever and ever.

Amen.

(Adapted from: *CRS 2018 Rice Bowl Resources for Coordinators, Catholic Relief Services*)

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL – OUR LENTEN JOURNEY CONTINUES:**

- ❖ For those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes for safety or the basic necessities of life, we pray to the Lord...

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

- ❖ For those we encounter on our Lenten journey, and all people around the world who struggle to provide enough food to meet their families' daily needs, we pray to the Lord...

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.