

Litany – A One-year Observance of Katrina

L: God of mercy, hear our prayers for all those struggling still to find new opportunities after the numbing losses of Hurricane Katrina.

C: Hear us, O God.

L: God of grace, forgive us for embracing normalcy instead of hearing in the wind a call to stand for the values we profess that promise opportunity for all.

C: Forgive us, O God.

L: Forgive us for not bringing to justice those who in the midst of this devastation, have stolen from the poor.

C: Forgive us, O God.

L: God of creativity unleash among us new resolve to end the hopelessness that results from economic and racial isolation. Inspire us to see new hope in the diversity you have created.

C: Move us, O God.

L: Strengthen the hearts and the hands of those who seek to rebuild their lives and communities.

C: Strengthen them, O God.

L: Let the voices of your people be heard in our congregations, communities, and in the halls of government for justice, peace, opportunity and new beginnings.

C: Empower us to speak, O God. Amen.