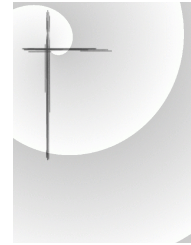


### **Station 7B: As You Leave**

Let us pray for us as we travel, and for all your faithful people everywhere.

*(Silent reflection and time to walk around and pray)*

Gracious and loving God, our way, our truth and our life: we pray your blessings upon us as we leave and travel. Grant us your presence as we go, that our ways may be safe and our homecomings joyful. Stir us and all your people to service. Instill in us a passion for justice and hearts filled with compassion for serving. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN



### **Bidding Prayers New Orleans Area Prayer Pilgrimage**

*(The prayers are in the form of a bidding prayer. Each petition begins with an invitation to guide your praying. A time for reflection may follow, concluding with the prayer petition. Please feel free to adapt and add your own petitions as well.)*

#### **Station 1: Lakeview and Grace Lutheran Church**

Let us pray for the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church, for all who lived in Lakeview, and for all whose homes and possessions were washed away by the storm.

*(Silent reflection and time to walk around and pray)*

Gracious and loving God, our rock and fortress: we pray for all who have experienced the loss of home, possessions, and loved ones in the storm. Grant them your consolation and peace. Bless the congregation of Grace Lutheran with courage, strength, and the assurance of your continuing hope and presence. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN

#### **Station 2A: The Cemetery**

Let us pray for all who have died and who rest from their labors.

*(Silent reflection and time to walk around and pray)*

Gracious and loving God, our light and our life: we pray for all who have died and who now rest from their labors. Bring them to the fullness of your eternal peace; and when our life has ended, grant us the promise of your eternal glory. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN

#### **Station 2B: Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

Let us pray for the congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

*(Silent reflection and time to walk around and pray)*

Gracious and loving God, our strength and our salvation: we pray for the congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and for all who live and serve in this community. Grant them courage in their witness, strength in their serving, and clarity of mission, that your name may be praised and your will be done in their witness to you. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN

### **Station 3: The Lower Ninth Ward**

Let us pray for all who lived in the Lower Ninth Ward.

*(Silent reflection and time to walk around and pray)*

Gracious and loving God, our comforter and our redeemer: we pray for all who lived in this neighborhood, all who lost home, business, family, and friends in the storm, and all who were forced to evacuate and who now live in exile away from their home and community. We also remember in prayer all government leaders, police, fire fighters, first responders, and all who work for justice and the common good. Grant to all the assurance of your presence and love, that they might know justice, hope for the future, and the comfort and blessing of community. In Christ' name we pray. AMEN

### **Station 4: Chalmette and Gethsemane Lutheran Church**

Let us pray for the congregation of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, and for all who lived in Chalmette.

*(Silent reflection and time to walk around and pray)*

Gracious and loving God, our hope in times of loss: we pray for all who lived in this community and who lost homes, property and livelihood. As you earnestly prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane for strength to face the trials ahead, we also pray for all who face challenging and difficult days of rebuilding and recovery. May they know your comfort, strength, and hope for the future. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN

### **Station 5A: New Orleans East**

Let us pray for all who lived in New Orleans East.

*(Silent reflection and time to walk around and pray)*

Gracious and loving God, our light and source of endless mercy: as vast as the devastation has been, even greater still is your love and care. We pray for all who lived in this community, and for all who are struggling to rebuild and find their way. May they know the depth of your compassion and the breadth of your love in their time of need. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN

### **Station 5B: Slidell and Peace Lutheran Church**

Let us pray for the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church, for all who live in Slidell, for all who serve as volunteers, and for the disaster relief ministries of the ELCA..

*(Silent reflection and time to walk around and pray)*

Gracious and loving God, our comfort and our peace: we know that peace comes from you alone. We pray for the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church and for all who live and serve in this community. May they know your comfort and peace. Grant them graciousness in their hospitality to those who come to serve. We also pray for the ministries of Lutheran Disaster Response and the Lutheran Social Service of the South. Stir the hearts of all your people everywhere, that they might hear the cries of all in need and respond with acts of kindness and service. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN

### **Station 6: Mandeville and Hosanna Lutheran Church**

Let us pray for the congregation of Hosanna Lutheran Church, and for all who live in Mandeville. *(Silent reflection and time to walk around and pray)*

Gracious and loving God, our companion and guide: we pray for the congregation of Hosanna Lutheran Church and for all with whom they live, witness, and serve. Grant them compassion in their serving and inspiration in their witness, that your name and your love might be known through them. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN

### **Station 7A: The Bayou Conference, ELCA**

Let us pray for all the congregations of the Bayou Conference and for all who live in the area.

*(Silent reflection and time to walk around and pray)*

Gracious and loving God, the source of our unity and the purpose for our ministry: we pray for all the other congregations in this conference not yet named – Christ the King in Kenner; St Mark in Metairie; Love, the mission to the Vietnamese community, and Good Shepherd in the West Bank; Lutheran Church of the Galilean in La Place; St Paul and Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in Baton Rouge; First Lutheran in Lafayette. Grant them unity in mission, clarity in witness, and compassion in service. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN