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Prayers for the Victims of Hurricane Katrina

For the Intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mary, Gentle Mother,
cradle within your arms those who have died,
and intercede for those who mourn them.

Notre Dame de Bon Secours,
patron of New Orleans,
be with those who suffer so greatly.

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception,
patron of Mobile,
pray for the courage and faith of all the victims.

For the Intercession of the Saints

Good Saint Joseph, patron of Baton Rouge,
comfort those who have lost the ones they loved,
and bring them peace.

Saint Francis of Assisi, patron of the poor,
pray for that God might show us the way
to relieve the terrible sufferings of these days.

Saint Christopher,
who bore the Christ across the waters,
deliver us from the waters of this flood.

Good Saint Anthony, Patron of the lost,
lead all who are stranded or homeless
back to those who love them.

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos,
look upon your beloved people,
that Christ might restore all that has been lost.

A Prayer to the Most Blessed Trinity

God of all creation,
who led the chosen people into the promised land,
lead the homeless to a place of refreshment and rest.

Lord Jesus Christ,
who descended into hell, and rose again,
raise up all who are fallen, broken or alone.

Spirit of life,
inspire our hearts and give us the strength
to come to help of our brothers and sisters in need.



Image of Notre-Dame du Bon Secours
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