

Prayer for those affected by Cyclone Gabrielle

God our refuge and hope. We pray for all who are suffering because of recent flooding in our Diocese and in other parts of our country. Give them strength when they're weak, reason for hope in times of despair and the grace to know you are with them.

Bless the work of emergency and aid workers and keep them safe as they risk their lives for others. Bless too the work of local government and our nation's leaders. Grant them wisdom in their decision-making, and special concern for the poor and vulnerable.

Fill our hearts with compassion for those who are in great need. Open our hearts to see them as brothers and sisters and make us generous in our response.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

