

The catastrophic devastation of Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent flooding has brought heartbreaking news of lives lost, injuries suffered and homes destroyed. The Board of Directors and staff at Pikes Peak Habitat send prayers and heartening thoughts for safety to those in Houston and the Gulf Coast region, and for families and friends who are struggling through this disaster.

Pikes Peak Habitat Executive Director Kris Medina has been in contact with Houston Habitat for Humanity's Executive Director Allison Hay, and if you would like to help, you can send donations via their website: www.HoustonHabitat.org.

In addition, CEO Jonathon Reckford of <u>Habitat for Humanity International</u> has sent this message and prayer:

"As predicted late last week, Hurricane Harvey has brought high winds, torrential rains, and death and destruction to the people of southeast Texas. And, unlike so many other storms, it has not moved through the area quickly, but sits stalled, pouring more and more rain on residents and rescuers.

Within our own Habitat family, we have nearly 25 affiliates within the storm's footprint. As they – and we – assess damage and make plans for the long recovery ahead after what will be catastrophic flooding, I want to share a prayer that provides me with some solace and comfort. Whatever words do that for you, these or others, I hope they are on your lips and in your heart as families struggle to weather this tragic storm."

Lord of all compassion, We pray for all of those caught up in the midst of tragedy or disaster.

For those who have lost life and those working to save life For those who are worried for people they love For those who will see their loved ones no longer Lord Have Mercy.

For those in need of the peace that passes all understanding For all who turn to you in the midst of turmoil For those who cry out to you in fear and in love Lord Have Mercy.

For those in confusion and those in despair For those whose tears are yet to dry For those in need of your unending love Lord Have Mercy. Amen.