

May we be reminded that this world was not meant to be our home. That when we begin to rebuild, O Lord, remind us that there will be a day when permanence will be our home, death and decay will have no place, our life won't feel the disruption of death and loss, and our dwelling will be eternal.

1. **Unity within the Church:** pray that the gospel would be heard, felt, and seen in the way that the body selflessly gives and serves.
2. **The God of comfort, hope, and peace:** pray that those that were hit by the tornado would seek total dependence on the Lord for comfort, hope, and peace.
3. **Families without homes:** pray for families that have lost their homes and their belongings, pray that they will find housing quickly.
4. **Safe water:** pray that the engineers working on the water tower and water system would have the resources and the knowledge needed in order to adequately get things up and running quickly.
5. **Education system:** pray that the education system would be able to give the school age kids a sense of normalcy in the midst of chaos.
6. **Parents:** pray over the parents of children. Pray that parents would be able to focus on rebuilding as well as the health of their children simultaneously. Pray for patience, laughter, and good memories to be built during this time of reconstruction.
7. **Children:** pray for young children as they process what has happened and what will happen. Pray for their hearts as they have seen the destruction and experienced it firsthand. Pray for them as they grieve deeply, not even knowing the depth of their grief.
8. **Mental health:** pray over the mental health of the community as more storms roll in and fear becomes overwhelming. May they find comfort in the stillness of the Lord and the peace that he brings.
9. **Loss of Life:** pray for those that are grieving the loss of life. Pray that they would find themselves before the Lord, seeking his face in the midst of their tears and pain. May we grieve together, knowing that this world is broken, but yearning and longing for restoration.
10. **Local Businesses:** pray for the local businesses and business owners that have lost not only their homes, but also their livelihoods. Pray that insurance companies would move quickly so families can begin to have a cash flow.
11. **Pray against complacency for the surrounding communities:** pray that our hearts would not become immune to the tragedy and that each day, we would seek to love our neighbor.
12. **Seeking grace:** pray that grace upon grace would be given. To families, to construction workers, to volunteers, to business owners, to children, to school systems. Pray that grace would be the anthem of us all.