

O God, We've Prayed in Wind and Rain

AMAZING GRACE CM ("Amazing Grace")

O God, we've prayed in wind and rain and now we pray once more
For those who felt the hurricane and heard the waters roar.

We pray for those who watched the storm destroy the life they knew,
Who wait in shelters, tired and worn, and wonder what to do.

We thank you, God, for acts of love not bound by race or creed,
For hands that reach across the flood to all who are in need.

We pray for others far away who've seen destruction, too;
We look beyond ourselves, for they are also loved by you.

We pray that leaders of our land will heed creation's cry,
And bravely care and take a stand for earth and sea and sky.

Where rains flood cities, homes and towns may we go out to be
A witness that your love abounds in each community.

Tune: Virginia Harmony, 1831 Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900.

Alternative Tune: ST. ANNE CM Attr. William Croft, 1708 ("Our God, Our Help in Ages Past").

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