



The Episcopal Diocese of Florida
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our hearts and prayers are with those who were affected by Hurricane Michael late last week in Diocese all around – our neighbors. Members of our Diocese have been in contact daily with Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) and other dioceses to provide critical support to the local communities damaged by the storm. Local efforts, particularly out of Tallahassee and the Apalachee Region, have also been ongoing.

Through partnerships with the dioceses of Georgia, Central Gulf Coast, and those in North and South Carolina, ERD is providing emergency assistance to individuals and families affected by the storm, including food, shelter, generators and other basic supplies.

Many of you have inquired as to how you can get involved and support those catastrophically affected by Michael. *At this time, we strongly feel the best way to help is by making a monetary donation to the Hurricane Relief Fund through ERD.* You can do so via their website at [here](#). In the coming weeks and months, more ways will be organized where you can provide physical support via supply donations and other volunteer opportunities, but right now individual efforts might even be an impediment. Our collective efforts will be best, and there is Jesus in that.

We praise the Lord for protecting the churches and members of our Diocese and continue to pray for those brothers and sisters in the Central Gulf Coast and Georgia regions whose lives have been forever changed.

Ephesians 6:18!

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard