

A LITANY FOR THE GULF OF MEXICO IN A TIME OF CRISIS

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Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams,

*O whales and all that move in the waters.*

All birds of the air, glorify the Lord,

*praise him and highly exalt him forever.*

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous,

*praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord,

*praise him and highly exalt him forever.*

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;

*the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.*

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;

*the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.*

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
in wisdom you have made them all;

*the earth is full of your creatures.*

Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number,

*creatures both small and great,*

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,  
which you have made for the sport of it.

*You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open you hand, and they are filled with good things.*

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

*and so you renew the face of the earth.*

For the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, that they may be kept pure  
as you created them.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who work on the waters that they be safe from harm; for  
all who have been injured, for all who have died, and for all who  
mourn.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who support their livelihood and the care of their families  
and communities from the harvest of the waters,

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who live along these waters and for their livelihood,  
provide places of rest and recreation for others,

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who explore the depths of the earth, even under the sea,  
for the resources of your creation for the common good,

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all creatures of your making and for the wonderful mysteries  
of natural habitats you have willed for them, that they be  
protected from all dangers,

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all in authority over us, in the government of our nation, our  
states, and communities, that they may serve your will for the  
common good, and no other,

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who work to preserve us from the dangers of this present  
calamity, that they may be blessed with success and kept safe  
from all harm,

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our deliverance from fear, anxiety, and anger,

*Lord, have mercy.*

For your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven,

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Mercifully hear us, O Lord our God.

*Let our cry come to you.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*