

Prayers at a Time of Economic Turmoil

These are prayers that can be used as Prayers of the Faithful or at the beginning of any meetings or gatherings.

1. Pray that leaders will make wise decisions in seeking ways to deal with economic turmoil.

For our leaders, may they make wise decisions in this time of economic turmoil, we pray...

For courage, wisdom, and leadership that is compassionate as government officials seek solutions to the economic downturn, we pray...

For local, state, and federal officials, may they hear the cries of the poor and those most vulnerable in this economic crisis and respond with compassion, courage, and wisdom, we pray...

For our President and Congress, may they put partisan differences aside in order to quickly find wise and beneficial policies and practices to rebuild our economy, offering a path of recovery that does not forget the poorest among us, we pray...

For leaders, both religious and civil, who help us understand our interdependence, we pray...

For religious leaders, may they have the courage to bring us to a deep sense of solidarity and the wisdom to strengthen our bonds in community, we pray...

For financial experts, may they offer their expert advice and wisdom both to our country and to individuals so much in need of guidance, we pray...

2. Pray for those affected by the economic turmoil.

For the newly unemployed, may they find the support they need as they search for new jobs and may they find jobs that sustain and develop, we pray...

For those who have lost homes due to foreclosure, may they find housing and support that renews their dignity as well as provide a roof over them, we pray...

For single moms struggling to feed their children, may they find supportive communities and new means of making ends meet, we pray...

For those in financial crisis, may they receive the guidance they need to put them on a path out of debt and may they gain the skills needed to manage in times of turmoil, we pray...

For retirees and all who have experienced losses in their retirement accounts, may they find ways of simplifying their lives and means of support for what they need, we pray...

For our parish communities, may we be willing to sacrifice a little more in order to renew efforts to enhance the safety net of services we are able to offer to those in need in our larger community, we pray...

3. Pray for all of us as individuals.

May we always find hope in our God, we pray...

May we overcome fear and discouragement in this economic crisis by focusing on what truly matters and remembering God's promises of help and provision, we pray...

May God strengthen marriages and families experiencing increased stress due to financial struggles, we pray...

May we have the courage to turn away from greed and self-interest and work for the common good, we pray...