## Prayer Topic:

A Prayer for the Philippines

## Scripture Reading:

Psalm 66:1-8, Psalm 20

## **Reflections of the Heart:**

The people of the Philippines are facing devastation and destruction in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan. As we cry out on their behalf, we know that the earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. So, let's keep the citizens of the Philippines in our prayers.

## Scriptural Prayer:

Loving Father, we thank You for being such a merciful God. Thank You for sending relief to the people of the Philippines whose lives have been decimated by Typhoon Haiyan. Thank You for pouring out Your spirit of love, compassion, benevolence and generosity upon them during this horrific time. Lord, You are good and Your mercy endures forever. There is no one like You. You are great and Your Name is full of power. Who would not fear You, O King of the nations, for this title belongs to You alone. Among all the wise people of the earth, and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like You. You are the true and living God and the everlasting King. The whole earth trembles at Your anger and the nations cannot stand up to Your wrath.

Gracious Father, let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in the Philippines. Your Word says death and life are in the power of the tongue; so we boldly speak life and call forth new beginnings, wholeness and abundance for the Philippines, now! We call forth a spiritual renewal in Christ Jesus. We call forth the blessings of God to rest upon their business, economic, educational, political, judicial, technological, social, and health systems. We command justice to run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream within every government who can help the citizens and communities in the Philippines to recover. We declare that President Benigno Aquino and his administration will submit to the leading of the Holy Spirit. As the people of God around the world pray fervently, we expect the Holy Spirit to perform His work in the Philippines. We rebuke every demonic power that has been assigned to hinder the recovery process, especially the spirits of delay, greed, chaos and confusion. Peace, be still! We command the necessary funds for rebuilding to come forth and confess that the funds will be properly allocated. Lord, we declare that the people will not submit to the spirit of fear and lawlessness, but they will operate in God's Spirit of power, love and a sound mind. We decree supernatural recovery for the Philippines, now!

Holy Spirit, please guide me and help me to pray for the situation in the Phillipines:					

Righteous Father, thousands of people are now homeless; please continue to protect them from the predatory spirits of theft, rape, violence, and murder. As the food and medical supplies arrive, please give wisdom and discernment to the United Nations, the World Food Program and the Philippine Government on how to distribute the supplies in a fair and orderly manner. Protect the medical personnel, public service workers and volunteers as they serve. Increase their strength and endurance and help them to organize their efforts so that they can effectively reach as many people as quickly as possible. We know that the hearts of kings and rulers are in Your hand, so we ask that You would continue to turn the hearts of the global community favorably towards the Philippines. Touch the hearts of the global community to help the Philippines for the years to come. Please show President Benigno Aquino and his administration the right path to take to properly rebuild the communities of their nation. Encourage Christians to continue to pray for this nation even after the media attention fades.

Merciful Father, forgive the citizens of the Philippines for the sins they have committed against You. Forgive those who call on the name of other gods. Forgive those who prey on people in tragic circumstances. Forgive us as a nation for ignoring the poverty and lack of basic human services in this nation. Lord, forgive me for *(list any sins that you have committed)*. Holy Spirit, remind the people of the Philippines of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need

to forgive. (Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)

Almighty Father, help the people of the Philippines to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Lord, You are King! Let the nations tremble! Lord, You sit on Your throne between the cherubim. Let the whole earth quake! Lord, You sit in majesty in Jerusalem, exalted above all the nations. Let them praise Your great and awesome Name. Your Name is holy! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

<u>Scripture References for the Written Text</u>: Psalm 136:1, Jeremiah 10:6-7,10, Matthew 6:10, Proverb 18:21, Amos 5:24, Mark 4:39, Il Timothy 1:7, Proverb 21:1, Psalm 25:4, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 99:1-3

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