

**Prayer Topic #2:**

**A Prayer of Recovery for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands**

**Scripture Reading:**

Psalm 117, Isaiah 61

**Reflections of the Heart:**

There is a rich cultural tapestry in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The strength of both areas are contingent upon the financial support of our nation and unity of our citizens. Let's keep Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands in prayer

**Scriptural Prayer:**

Triumphant Father, we thank You for hearing our prayers concerning the aftermath of the recent weather disasters in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Thank You for strengthening those impacted and for helping them to recover. Holy Spirit, thank You for pouring out Your spirit of love, compassion, benevolence and generosity. Thank You for supplying for all of those impacted according to Your glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. Lord, You are great and Your power is absolute! Your understanding is beyond comprehension. Lord, Most High, You are awesome. You are the King of all the earth.

Gracious Father, we declare that our citizens of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands will rebuild the ruins and restore the places that were devastated by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. We expect Your favor to surround them like a shield. We declare renewal in the ruined areas! We call forth the blessings of God to rest upon their communities! Lord, we command justice to run down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream within every governmental agency and insurance company that is responsible for helping the residents of these communities to recover. We command the necessary funds for rebuilding to come forth! We declare that the hope and confidence of each citizen is not in FEMA or the insurance industry, but their hope and trust is in You, the Lord of Heaven's Armies! Today, we stand in the gap and pray for Puerto Rico and the U. S. Virgin Islands! We pray for their leaders in business and commerce, energy, healthcare, education and the religious community. We declare God's blessings, protection and provision over our citizens as we continue to rebuild!

***Holy Spirit, how can I help Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands?***

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God, our Healer, please heal each person emotionally and psychologically. Empower our citizens to rebuild their infrastructure with supernatural efficiency. Calm the fears of every citizen, especially children and the elderly. Comfort those who experienced total loss of their homes and businesses. Let Your love and presence saturate their hearts, souls and spirits. Touch the hearts of people throughout the world to give generously. Continue to send people who will love, support, and comfort them during their time of recovery. God, our Healer, please provide healing and speedy recovery to every citizen. Convict the heart of any business, agency or individual who would attempt to take advantage of people for profit or gain. Holy Spirit, lead and guide our U.S. governmental officials as they plan the revitalization Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Righteous Father, forgive our citizens of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands for all acts of sinfulness, including: disobedience, racism, rebellion, unbelief, forms of idolatry, immorality, murder, injustice, and perversion. Forgive our governmental leaders for not looking after our citizens and for oppressing the poor and disadvantaged. Forgive our nation for greed, corruption and for putting the pursuit of material possessions above the needs of our citizens in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Lord, forgive me for **(list any sins that you have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind our citizens of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands of those they need to forgive and help them 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 reveal names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He reveals them, say "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help our citizens of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands not to yield to temptation but deliver us all from the evil one.

Lord, You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power. You created all things, and they exist because You created what You pleased. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture References for the Written Text:** Philippians 4:19, Psalm 147:5, Psalm 47:2, Isaiah 61:4, Luke 10:27, Isaiah 58:7-8, Amos 5:24, Proverbs 18:21, Isaiah 44:6, Psalm 4:8, Matthew 6:13, Revelation 4:11

***Today, I will trust God to:***

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