

PRAYER FOR DISASTER & RECOVERY MINISTRIES CHAPLAINS – Summer 2020/21

As some of us may be aware, X is a volunteer chaplain with the ecumenical and increasingly multi-faith Disaster and Recovery Ministries SA. This means that s/he makes her/himself available to be sent to an Emergency Relief Centre when a disaster such as a bushfire, flood or severe storm occurs in our state. In that Centre s/he is part of a team offering pastoral and spiritual support to disaster-affected people by providing a listening ear and a compassionate, calm non-anxious presence wherever that is needed. X may also be asked to continue this support at a Recovery Centre or as part of an outreach team, checking on the well-being of affected people even several months after the disaster.

As we enter into another bushfire season, let's take the opportunity to pray for X in this important role:

Gracious God.

You brought light out of darkness.

You formed the beauty of creation from the waters of chaos.

You raised us from the very dust of the earth and brought life from death.

We thank you for your grace, your faithfulness, and your strength to restore.

Thank you that you call us to partner with you to bless all who suffer in darkness, chaos, grief and loss.

We pray for X as s/he is part of this important ministry of volunteer chaplains.

Grant her/him your guidance and strength, to serve faithfully as a person of hope. Fill her/him with compassion. Grant her/him a humble heart, hands and feet ready to serve those in need, listening ears and a quiet confidence that your presence is in her/him and may be seen through her/him as s/he ministers in your name, particularly in the season ahead. May s/he be a beacon of light and hope for people who find themselves in a dark place.

For your sake, and that of all you love, we pray. Amen.

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