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Gulf Oil Spill Petitions for Mass or the Liturgy of the Hours

Nature reveals God's power, and history reveals God's providence; in this historical crisis of the Gulf oil spill may God provide us the power to halt destruction and reform the way we live.

May those whose livelihoods have been destroyed by the oil spill find dignified ways to provide for their families.

For those with power in business and government: may they humbly place their power at the service of the common good.

That all who feel powerless may experience through the compassion of others that the Lord hears the cry of the poor and is close to the broken-hearted.

For the health and safety of those directly involved in oil spill recovery efforts: may God grant them success.

May those aware of negligence or injustice in the management of natural resources have the courage to proclaim the truth, and may we all accept responsibility for our use of petroleum.

For those who struggle with addiction, including our nation's addiction to lifestyles dependent on oil; in discovering new ways of living that care for creation, may we know the freedom of the children of God.