

We pray for lives lost,  
families torn apart,  
lost and lonely,  
homeless,  
hungry,  
afraid.

We pray for factories  
destroyed in an instant,  
for machinery  
shattered,  
livelihoods  
ruined.

We pray for rescuers  
finding survivors  
alongside bodies,  
courageous,  
undaunted,  
hopeful.

We pray for recovery  
in the years to come,  
for restoration,  
generosity,  
healing,  
closure.

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