



In response to the wildfire devastation in Southern California, you can

- 1. Make a donation to Covenant Presbyterian Church**, indicating that it is for 'Wildfire Relief' and then Covenant will make a church donation in support of Presbyterian efforts providing assistance through *Presbyterian Disaster Relief*.

Presbyterian Disaster Relief (PDR):

God's people are called on to stand in the "GAP"

Give. Act. Pray.

when devastation hits a community.

Please note:

DR000165 US Wildfires is the designated account supplementing the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering to enable a significant response for U.S. wildfires.

2. Give directly to the PDR

- using this link — <https://pcusa.org/donate/dr000165-us-wildfires> .
- calling 800-872-3283.
- sending a check, designating where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to:
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) P. O. Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

- 3. Donate items through the *Long Beach Church Collective*** who works to build the Kingdom of God by connecting and resourcing Christian leaders in the greater Long Beach area.

The Collective is organizing churches in Long Beach to make donations through Christ Church in Sierra Madre. Here is a list of requested donations:

- Clothing (all ages, sizes, men, women, toddlers and infants)
- Undergarments (new only; all ages, sizes, men, women, toddlers)
- Kitchenware (bowls, pots and pans, plates, cutlery, etc.)
- Tennis shoes (men, women, kids)
- Pillows + pillow cases
- Blankets

Donations can be dropped off:

Monday-Friday (starting 1/13)

9 am - noon

Parkcrest Church (3936 Woodruff Ave., Long Beach, 90808)

Greg Hughes, a Presbyterian minister wrote this shortly after the Pacific Palisades fire disaster took hold:

As I sit here today, the former pastor of Malibu Pacific Church, my heart breaks for the beautiful communities of Pacific Palisades and Malibu. Having lived there for 20 years, raising three wonderful children amidst the serene landscapes and the warm embrace of this close-knit community, I am deeply saddened by the recent devastating fires that have ravaged these beloved neighborhoods. The memories of picnics on the beach, hikes up the canyons, mountain biking through the hills, ball games and Easter services on the Bluffs, and gatherings with friends and family are etched in my heart. The sight of the charred remains of homes and the dislocation of so many dear friends is an unbearable pain. The loss of homes is not just the loss of physical structures, but the loss of sanctuaries filled with cherished moments, laughter, and love. The sense of community, which has always been the strength of these communities, now faces the challenge of displacement and uncertainty. After the Woolsey fire, my children experienced the sadness of seeing some classmates relocate permanently. In these trying times, I call upon all of us to unite in prayer and support for these neighborhoods who have lost so much. Let us bow our heads and lift our spirits in a collective embrace of compassion, hope, and determination.

Gracious God,

We come to You with heavy hearts, seeking Your comfort and guidance. We pray for the families who have lost their homes and their sense of security. Grant them the strength to face these challenges, the courage to rebuild, and the hope to find light in the darkest of times. May Your love surround them, offering solace and peace amidst the chaos.

We ask for Your blessings upon the firefighters, volunteers, and first responders who have bravely battled the flames to protect our communities. Grant them safety and resilience as they continue their noble work. May they feel our gratitude and support in every step they take.

For those who have been displaced, we pray for swift and effective assistance. May they find shelter, comfort, and a sense of belonging as they navigate this difficult journey. Surround them with a network of caring individuals who can offer a helping hand and a listening ear.

Lord, we also pray for the healing of the land. The beauty of Pacific Palisades and Malibu, with its rolling hills, pristine beaches, and vibrant nature, is a testament to Your creation. We ask for Your grace to restore and renew these landscapes, bringing back the flora and fauna that have been affected by the fires.

In the face of this tragedy, let us reach out to one another with kindness and generosity, offering our support in any way we can. Whether through donations, volunteering, or simply being there to listen and comfort, let us demonstrate the true spirit of unity and love.

May we find solace in the memories we have created and the bonds we have formed. Let these ties be a source of strength, knowing that together we can overcome any adversity.

In Your name, we pray. Amen.

