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A Pastoral Letter to Our Congregation and Community

Dear Members and Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the mighty and holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our blessed Redeemer.

It is with a heavy heart that I write following the severe thunderstorm that swept through Plainfield on Thursday evening, July 3. As many of you are now aware, the storm left behind widespread destruction, and we mourn the tragic loss of three members of our community who lost their lives. We lift their families in prayer, asking for God's comfort to surround them in this unimaginable time of grief.

Homes and properties have been damaged, streets altered, and many are now navigating the days ahead with uncertainty and deep concern. In the face of such hardship, I am grateful for the blessed assurance that the lord not only watches over us but walks with us. During times like these, I am reminded of the words from Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Even when the winds rage and foundations shake, God's presence remains steadfast among us, comforting, consoling, and encouraging us.

I have already started reaching out to some members by phone, assuring them of my concern for their well-being and offering prayers of support. I left voicemail messages for those I could not reach. God willing, over the next few days, I will try to reach everyone in our directory who may have been affected by the storm. I will also contact those organizations that rent space in our building to assure them that we are praying with and for them.

In the meantime, let us hold fast to God's unchanging hand as we pray for one another. Remember, we are a strong and resilient community, and together, we will overcome this trial.

Peace, love, and blessings,

Pastor Allegra