

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains in the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees in the middle ground, and a calm lake in the foreground. The sky is a soft, hazy blue, suggesting a dawn or dusk setting. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

A Prayer for the People of Joplin, Missouri

**We, Staff and Community Members of the Sisters of Charity of New York,
join in solidarity and prayer with the people of Joplin, Missouri.**

Our hearts and minds reach out to them during these difficult days.

May they experience the power of God at work deep within them.

**May our prayers and the efforts of volunteers and others bring them physical,
emotional and spiritual support and sustenance.**

**We join them in spirit and ask for healing and new life for each person
and for the city of Joplin as we pray Psalm 68.**

*Merciful to the poor and kind to the lowly
is God our Comforter, who dwells within.
With compassion are the desolate given a home,
the prisoners set free;
but those who run from Love
live in a parched land.*

*O Beloved God, reach into the hearts of your people,
enter into the darkness of their fears;
As the earth quakes, as floods strike without warning,
let your Presence be near.
As mountains tremble and volcanoes spew forth ash,
let your Presence be near. . . .
In your Mercy, O Beloved,
You provide for the needy,
You are with us.*