## God of Winds and Waves: A Prayer for the People of Tacloban, Philippines

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God of winds and waves, Creator of mountains and marshes:

In the presence of nature's force
We are fragile and weak;
And yet in Your presence
We can find the strength to
Help one another and rebuild.

Our thoughts are with the people of Philippines, today Whose homes were devastated By a mighty storm.

We recognize how small,
How pitiful we are
When nature shows its fury;
Yet we know how glorious,
How powerful, we can be
When we live Your attributes
Of hesed and rahamim.

We pray for those Whose lives were torn asunder, For those who lost loved ones, For those who feel hopeless and helpless.

We reach out to them in shared humanity Sharing our blessings to help them rebuild their lives.

Inspire us, Adonai, to live
To give, and to care for those in need,
For we know that as long as we are not alone
There is hope.