

# When storms come, don't forget to praise God

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There is no part of the world exempt from disasters. We have tornados, drought and most recently here in Arkansas, ice storms. Other places have hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes and mudslides, and these are just the natural disasters,

The worst disasters are those caused by humans. But as we see in the Scriptures, Jesus is more powerful than any disaster. In today's Gospel, it is a natural disaster that threatens. His disciples had been fishermen so they were very familiar with storms on the Sea of Galilee, but this storm was more than even they could handle, and they used boats for a living. But it wasn't more than Jesus could handle. When all hope seemed to be lost, he stood up and calmed the storm.

No person who lives long enough makes it through this life without eventually having to face storms too powerful for us to handle on our own — and you vowed religious, and we who are priests and bishops, are in no way exempt from these storms of life. Some of these are personal disasters more devastating than anything nature could ever send our way.