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Fethullah Gulen's Message to Those Affected by Hurricane Harvey

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I am deeply saddened by the damage and loss of life caused by Hurricane Harvey in recent days. As the people of Houston and its surrounding areas seek shelter, I encourage all Americans to keep the victims of this tragedy in their thoughts and prayers.

Amid the tragedy caused by the hurricane and the dangerous conditions that still persist, I am heartened by people's efforts to help their neighbors and by members of emergency response agencies and local officials going beyond their regular duties to assist the victims. I urge all Hizmet participants, and people of all backgrounds across the country, to assist with the relief efforts through their prayers, volunteerism and financial contributions.

I extend my sincere condolences to the families and friends of all those who lost loved ones during catastrophe. I pray to God that he helps the people of Texas recover and rebuild in the shortest time possible.

About Fethullah Gülen

Fethullah Gülen is an Islamic scholar, preacher and social advocate, whose decades-long commitment to education, interfaith dialogue and altruism has inspired millions in Turkey and around the world. Gülen is the honorary chairman of the Rumi Forum, Washington, DC and the Intercultural Dialogue Platform, Brussels, Belgium.

About Alliance for Shared Values

The Alliance for Shared Values (AFSV) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves as a voice for cultural organizations affiliated with Hizmet, a civil society movement inspired by prominent preacher and peace advocate Fethullah Gülen. The Alliance strives to promote peace and social harmony by helping reduce misinformation and false stereotypes about any or all ethnic, cultural and religious communities. To learn more about the Alliance, please visit www.afsv.org.

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