# Help Communities Devastated by Gulf Oil Spill Today

Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of Louisiana (ECSLA) is providing impacted residents in the bayous of Terrebonne with critical support including grocery and gas vouchers, legal assistance, pastoral care and information referrals. The major goals are to meet immediate needs, help people work through their legal claims and increase individual and community resilience in navigating the current challenges. Episcopal Relief & Development is supporting this emergency response.

"ECSLA has been able to leverage their existing ministries and connections and build on the knowledge gained during the Katrina response, which has given them a real advantage in responding to this crisis," said Katie Mears, Episcopal Relief & Development's Program Manager for USA Disaster Preparedness and Response.

As the disaster unfolds, Episcopal Relief & Development will work with the Dioceses of Mississippi and the Central Gulf Coast, which are currently conducting needs assessments in areas damaged by the oil spill.

Courtesy of Cindy McCrory, Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

**Here's how you can help today:**

1. **Pray** for people impacted by the oil leak.
2. **Give** to our **USA Disaster Response Fund** to help those in need.
3. **Send** encouraging notes or cards to affected residents. Please mail to: Oil Spill Card Initiative, P.O. Box 5026, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-5026.

Your partnership is vital in reaching Gulf Coast residents who have lost their livelihoods due to this crisis. Please donate by filling out the coupon and mailing it with your check or credit card information. You may also call **800.334.7626, ext. 5129**, or visit **www.er-d.org**.

## Gulf Oil Spill Response

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