

# The I-10 Challenge

In less than one year, Hurricanes Ivan, Dennis, and now Katrina have combined to wreak havoc on communities along the I-10 corridor from the Florida Panhandle to Coastal Louisiana. The widespread destruction and loss of life incurred by Hurricane Katrina leads some analysts to describe it as the worst storm on record. It will take all of us working together as partners to provide aid and resources sufficient to enable the recovery and re-building process.

I am inviting congregations along I-10 to join us in promoting “The I-10 Challenge” as a way of encouraging support in the Disaster Relief Process. This process is expected to last longer than any recovery in U.S. history. As a starting point, I am challenging each member of First Baptist Church to participate in one, two, or all three of these “I-10” challenge points:

- **I will give a monetary donation equal to 10 hours of my wages.** *Send your gifts through our church Disaster Relief offering, through the Red Cross, or a trustworthy relief organization. Give your gift all at once or in installments over a period of weeks.*
- **I will commit 10 hours of time to working on a relief team or in a local shelter.** *Our church is organizing teams that will network with many of our existing Baptist partnerships in providing assistance in Mississippi and Louisiana.*
- **I will devote 10 hours to praying for those who are affected by the storm.** *If you commit to pray for a few minutes each day for the first 90 days of the recovery and re-building effort, you will exceed 10 hours of prayer quickly.*

I am confident that each of us will be involved in the relief effort through generous giving, faithful prayer, and/or active participation.

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