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Gracious God, we come to you in our vulnerability, our human frailty.

We see and feel the rising winds,
the swirling dust, the swaying trees,
We confess that, like the disciples on the sea of Galilee,
we are afraid.

Anxiety presses upon us from within and from without.

In the midst of the looming storm,
we cry out to you,
the one we follow,
the one we love,
the one we try to be like.

In all the pressures of our daily lives, O God,
grant us the calm, sure knowledge
that you are with us and will always be with us.

Help us learn to trust you-
whether the storms bring new life out of dry ground,
or leave us damaged and in need of help.

In the name of the one who calmed the storms, Amen.



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