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During this cooperation, there was no distinction between white, black, Republican or Democrat. In many places, Catholics extended their help to Protestants, Protestants to Jews, and Jews to Muslims. The help provided by Muslim groups especially stood out after this disaster.<sup>[i]</sup> While many Muslim groups supported Christians and Jews who were affected by the hurricane with boats, food and other relief supplies, a mosque in Houston opened its doors generously to their fellow Texans . The mosques also decided to make their prayers in the parking lot in order to free up more space for hurricane victims.<sup>[ii]</sup> No one asked about anyone's beliefs or political opinions before helping them.

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Despite all their destructiveness, natural disasters remind people that they retain these human values regardless of their color, language or religion, and that they can be united under all circumstances. We hope that neither America nor any part of the world will experience any destructive disasters; however, we should never forget the lesson of humanity taught by these tragic events. People who are perfectly capable of cooperating in unity under difficult circumstances have the power and skill to reinforce this spirit of unity and use it constantly in everyday life. The American people in particular, who have set an example with their spirit of solidarity since the past,

should not give credence to the machinations of provocateurs that aim to sow discord, and they should not forget that the spirit of unity will always bring power. We hope that this spirit of unity will spread to the whole world in the near future.

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