

Texas Meteorologist Speaks Out After Viral Prayer: 'The Spirit of God Came Over Me'

The first time Bill Taylor prayed live on air happened six or seven years ago.

"I do remember in the hallway the next day, my boss was walking and [we] crossed paths and he said, 'Great job last night; I've gotten a lot of positive feedback,'" the San Antonio meteorologist recalled. "And I said, 'Thank you. Thank you very much.' And that was it."

Those on-air prayers have happened a number of times since – including last week, when the Texas Hill Country was facing another catastrophic storm almost one year to the day after devastating floods claimed the lives of more than 139 people, including nearly 30 – mostly children – at Camp Mystic, a summer camp for girls.

With that not-too-distant nightmare in mind, Taylor, chief meteorologist for KENS 5, the local CBS News affiliate, said he felt compelled to pray for the safety of those in the path of what looked to be an impending tornado.

"The Spirit of God came over me and said, 'Pray,'" he said. "And I just started. ... Then I went just right back into that live coverage, and praise God that He delivered, as He always does. He's faithful, and we were protected from what maybe could have been a lot worse."



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In all, the death toll for these latest floods is two and

state crews rescued more than 270 people while local officials in Uvalde and Zavala rescued more than 300. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) said about 125 people were transferred to shelters in the Uvalde area.

Nearly 600 homes and 100 businesses across Kerr, Kendall, and Comal Counties were damaged or destroyed. CBN's Operation Blessing is on the ground in Kerr County, which sustained the bulk of the destruction, to assist in the recovery effort.

In "times of trouble," Taylor said, it's important to remember God is "like any father who wants his child to come sit in his lap and and be comforted."

"When we ask [God] for that protection, when we lean into Him," the weatherman said, "He's ... our refuge and ... our strength and comfort."

A native of New Jersey, Taylor was raised Catholic, but "didn't surrender" to God fully until about 10 years ago.

His faith, the meteorologist said, didn't truly catch fire until he married his devoutly Christian wife in Montgomery, Alabama, where they attended First Baptist Church.

"That was when the light was really shining and the flame was lit," Taylor explained. "Jay Wolf, the pastor there, really just taught me so much more about the Bible. And I just got this insatiable appetite to learn more and to grow in faith."

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