

Pastoral Prayer

August 2, 2020

God of the struggle through the nights and through the years: we are weary of the wrestling and we are weary of the pain. We are weary of the bitterness and we are weary of the illness. We are weary of the aches of age and we are weary of the weakness of our bodies. We are weary of the labor for our daily bread and we are weary of the injustice.

And yet we hang on to you.

We pray for the miracles we hope for. We pray for the passing of the pandemic. We pray for the emergence of a just society. We pray for the medical care that will relieve the cancers, the heart ailments, the broken bones. We pray for the psychological care that will help heal the confused thoughts, the mistaken perceptions, the dysfunctional conclusions. We pray for the moral sense to know what is right and true, the wisdom to choose words in the struggle for them, and the courage to speak them when the world is hostile.

And we hang on to you.

Embrace us, O God, in this world out of joint. May we see your face in the struggle. May we see your face in the reconciliation. May we see your face in the healing. May we see your face as you feed us at the table of Jesus Christ.

Amen.