

Pastoral Prayer
January 7, 2024

O Holy One,

We pray for the efforts of the peacemakers to end the wars that scar the earth. Whether in Gaza or Ukraine, in Myanmar or Mexico, may the peacemakers find their way to end the terrible violence which has destroyed lives, homes, and hope.

We pray for the efforts of the relief workers bringing aid to those affected by the earthquakes in Japan. We pray for those beneath the storms producing heavy snow in some places and tornadoes in others in the United States. We pray for the poor and the homeless, the hungry and the sick, the weary and the worn.

We pray for your people.

Grant to us a light in the soul as bright as the star that guided the magi. May we follow it to the places where love rules and compassion reigns. May we follow it to the joy of your presence. May we follow it to the nourishment of your table, laid for us, prepared so that we might be filled, body and soul, with your blessing.

Hear us, dear God, for we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.