

Pastoral Prayer
October 6, 2024

Holy One,

As we pool resources to aid those affected by Hurricane Helene in the American Southeast, another storm approaches the Gulf Coast. We pray your guidance and your protection for the people in its path. Ease the destruction, preserve life. We will do our part, we promise.

Other parts of the world suffer peril as well, from storms and landslides and floods and moving earth. To the fragility of earth we human beings add our own sins of violence and theft, of war and rape. We pray that you would guide the leaders of nations and communities and families and clans. We pray that you would give each one of us some more insight to recognize the options of good or evil, and to choose the good.

Here on this island, we seek your healing power for those who are sick, your comforting presence for those who are lonely, your strengthening inspiration for those who lack goals, your forgiveness and renewal for those who have sinned. Bless us, O God, with the love you revealed in Jesus Christ.

Amen.