

Pastoral Prayer
January 5, 2025

O Holy One,

As our New Year begins, we pray your grace upon us, upon our community, upon our nation, and upon our world. We struggle to do what is right; we struggle to endure the hardships of the world. We pray for those in the path of winter storms, for those without homes in cold places, for those who have been injured by accidental explosions in Honolulu and intentional ones in New Orleans and Las Vegas, for those trying to survive one more day in a war zone. We pray for those who grieve.

Send your grace upon us.

Send your grace upon us so that we can make a difference in the world, so that all people rejoice in the blessings of peace, so that the sick and injured may find treatment without fear of bankruptcy, so that the lonely may find company and the despairing find hope. May we be instruments of your peace and your love to those nearby and to those far away. Send your grace upon us.

Send your grace upon us so that we may find renewal and revival from our hurts, illnesses, losses, and sadness. Forgive our sins and redirect our goals. Feed us and nourish us in body, mind, and spirit. As we come to the table of Jesus Christ, be with us in that profound mystery of loving grace, and make us yours.

Amen.