

Pastoral Prayer
September 14, 2025

O Holy One,

We pray with deep sorrow today for the family of Kahu Charles Mahina Kaupiko, co-pastor of the Hau'oli Kamana'o Church in Miloli'i, and for his congregation, friends, and the so many he touched with his spirit of aloha. We pray for all who mourn on this day, whether the loss be recent or some time ago. Grief endures, and so does love, O God. Remind us each day of the presence of love.

Remind us of the presence of love so that we can work effectively to bring peace to the war-torn places of the world and so that existing wars do not spread. Remind us of the presence of love so that we can reduce the anger that afflicts our households, our extended families, our communities, and indeed the nations of the world. Remind us of the presence of love so that we can endure the hardships of life, the ones that come from mischance or natural forces, and also those that come from human malice. Remind us of the presence of love so that we can respond to evil and overcome it with good.

Grant us healing for the sorrows, the losses, the injuries, and the illnesses we suffer. Grant us strength when we have things to do that will make this a better world. Grant us wisdom so that we may direct our actions toward what is good. Grant us confidence that our success or failure will never separate us from you.

Grant us your grace, we pray, now and always.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.