

Pastoral Prayer
November 23, 2025

Righteous Shepherd,

We praise you for your care for us, your guidance and forgiveness, your challenge and your compassion. We gaze with awe at Jesus on the cross and we rejoice that his loyalty and royalty were affirmed in resurrection. To Christ we give our thanks and praise.

We pray for those who live beneath the shadow of unrighteous shepherds, who fear the sound of roaring vehicles and raised voices. We pray for those beset by wars, and we pray for those who live in fear of members of their own households. We pray for those who are ill or injured, or who are cut off from their life and loved ones by sudden circumstances. We pray, and we pray for your wisdom, O God, that we may contribute in some way to healing, to caring, and to peace.

We look ahead to this Thanksgiving Day with gratitude for your overflowing work of Creation. Even within our small piece of the universe abundance stuns us with its beauty, its diversity, and its flavors. May we feast on love at our tables, O God, the love we share with one another and the love that flows always from you.

We thank you, O God, for all the wonders that you do and for the wonder that you are,

In Jesus' name,

Amen.