

Pastoral Prayer
December 7, 2025

O God of peace,

Led us to that place within our souls in which our deep peace lies. May we find it despite the casual distractions, the real pains and discomforts, and the unmet needs of our lives. May we find that still center of our soul, and there rest in your embrace.

It is not enough that we have peace. We pray your peace for those whose lives are afflicted with hunger, illness, pain, poverty, and homelessness. We pray your peace for those who grieve the loss of loved ones, friends, and hopes. We pray your peace for those who live their lives without concern for the welfare of their own souls, and we pray your peace for those whom they encounter, whose peace will be threatened by them in turn.

Bring your peace to this glorious yet fractured world, O God. May we take our places in the world's healing. May we celebrate your love as it shines forth upon all the lands and all the peoples.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.