

Pastoral Prayer

December 21, 2025

O God of growing children and seasoned kupuna, O God of midnight births and midday labor, O God of everyday miracles of living and unique miracles of life, bless us today.

Bless us with the humor and the courage demonstrated by our keiki in presenting today's pageant. With them we celebrate Jesus as the Greatest of All Time. Bless us with the sounds of joy raised in music by our young people. May that same song echo merrily in all our hearts.

Bless us with the health that we lack; bless us to fill the needs we experience. Bless us with comfort for our grief; bless us to increase our joy in success. Bless us with direction when we do no know which way to go. Bless us with rest when the evening falls and our eyelids grow heavy. Bless us with a life beyond anything we know in company with Jesus whose birth we have commemorated today.

We pray these same prayers on behalf of our neighbors and friends, on behalf of our island and our islands, on behalf of those who live across the seas. We pray for their peace of heart and mind, and we pray for their peace of household and nation. We pray for their healing in sickness and their comfort in sorrow. We pray that every human soul may know they have reason to rejoice in this world, in this life, and in their Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. We pray that every human being may go to their rest at day's end in safety and held securely in your love.

Bless us, we pray, in Jesus' name,

Amen.