

Pastoral Prayer  
February 8, 2026

Holy One,

As our islands experience severe weather this weekend, O God, we pray for your aid for those beneath the storm. If the rains bring floods, O God, preserve those in their paths. If the rains find leaky roofs, O God, may those beneath them remain safe.

And when the storm has passed, may we have your inspiration and guidance to check with our neighbors and see where this is help to offer and comfort to share.

We pray for the war-torn nations of the world: Myanmar, Gaza and Israel, Somalia, Congo, Maghreb, Mexico, Sudan, Ukraine. So many of these conflicts have gone on so long, leaving so many families bereft of homes, loved ones, and peace of mind. We pray your intervention with the leaders who are too willing to let these wars continue. We pray that your people around the world may know peace.

We ask your grace for ourselves. We have not fulfilled the Law and the Prophets. We have not achieved the higher goals set by Jesus. We know it. We don't always know precisely where and how we went astray, but we know we did. Teach us as gently as you can, O God, and lead us to repentance and a renewed effort to follow your ways. Forgive us with your tender mercy, and guide us on the rutted path that asks so much and leads to your smile.

Be with us in our illnesses and bring healing. Be with us in our sorrow and bring comfort. Be with us in our poverty of spirit and bring your realm. In Jesus name,

Amen.