

Pastoral Prayer  
February 15, 2026

Gracious God,

We ask you to hear our prayers, which come to you from hearts that are heavy, and hearts that are light.

We pray from our joy, from the successes of the day, from the warmth of our relationships, from the love we bear for those around us. We pray from our joy, for the world is filled with beauty and wonder. We pray from our joy, because you embrace us in the magnificence of your Creation.

We pray from our need as well, from the failures of the day, from the conflicts of our relationships, from the hurt we bear for those around us. We pray from our need, for the world does not feed, house, or clothe us without our effort. We pray from our need, because we are very small figures in your Creation.

We pray because we see others in need as well. They suffer at others' hands. They labor without reward. They live in homes marked by violence, or their homes have been overtaken by the clouds of war. We pray for those in need, for those whose best efforts cannot obtain food, shelter, or clothing. We pray for those in need, for we remain very small figures in your Creation.

We pray for your grace in forgiveness for our sins and faults. We pray for your healing for our illnesses and injuries. We pray for your guidance in our confusion and uncertainty. We pray for your presence in our loneliness and self-obsession.

We pray from our joys and from our needs. We thank you for the promise of your presence.

In Jesus name,

Amen.