

Pastoral Prayer

March 1, 2026

Note: On February 6, I was invited to attend a special interfaith service and program promoting peace scheduled for today at the Mililani Buddhist Temple on O'ahu. I had to decline, of course, but I promised to pray for peace in our worship service today. I had no idea that prayers for peace would be so timely.

O Maker of the Universe,

We have been invited to pray for peace today in company with people of many faiths and traditions. We do so with a conscious sense of urgency, for our nation has entered into deadly conflict with another. The bombs have fallen and the missiles fired. People have died.

We pray for peace.

We pray for peace that does not threaten others. We pray for peace that does not provide some with unbridled privilege while it oppresses others. We pray for peace that is for more than just us, but also for those with whom we've been at war. We pray for peace in the far too many war-torn places of the planet.

We know that whatever leaders have done or chosen, far too many others will suffer for things they never did or chose. And so we pray for peace, so that righteousness and justice may find its way without threat, coercion, or violence.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen.