

Pastoral Prayer
March 15, 2026

O God who searches the heart,

We pray once more for peace in the world, in the full knowledge that our nation contributes to war and conflict in these days. We pray for peace in our community, and pledge to contribute to the relief of those affected by the weekend's storm as best we can. We pray for peace in the homes of our neighbors, our friends, and our own, knowing that sometimes any of us can be the one who makes the choice of harmony and compassion, or of conflict and bitterness.

May we choose well.

We pray for those who are sick and injured today and need your healing power to recover. We pray for those who grieve, that they may know the comfort of your presence. We pray for those who are hungry, thirsty, or without shelter. We pray for those who do not know you, who wrongly believe that no one cares, no one loves, no one values them. Embrace us, one and all, in your grace.

We praise and thank you, O God, for the blessings you have given us: for the beauty of the world, for the companions of our lives, for the wisdom of your inspiring, and for the guidance of your Spirit. Most of all we praise you for Jesus, whose teaching leads us and whose resurrection brings us from death to life.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen.