

Pastoral Prayer

April 19, 2026

Gracious God,

We pray for the success of talks to end the war in Iran, and we pray that there might also be successful diplomatic efforts to bring other bloody conflicts of the world to a close. Once concluded, may your wisdom guide further consultations among the nations, so that the folly and evil of further armed conflict might be reduced, even eliminated. We are sinful and imperfect people, O God, but can we not someday decide that the world has suffered enough from war?

We pray your grace for other sufferers of our world and our community. We pray for those who have no certain place to sleep at night, and whose next meal is uncertain. We pray for those in treatment for illnesses or injuries, and for those who hope to better order their thoughts and emotions. We pray for those who mourn, and for those who approach the crossing from this life and our care to the next life and your care.

We also celebrate the signs of your goodness in the world. We rejoice in neighbors who help one another in the midst of sadness or need. We give thanks for the generosity of some that lifts others from their suffering. We praise you for calling new leadership into your church, and today we rejoice that you call Rebekah Anderson to ministry and led her to ordination last Sunday.

May we perceive your resurrection power in the world, in those we meet on the road or join at table, in those of whom we hear whose actions raise others up. May we perceive and recognize you as we come together and are fed.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen.