

Pastoral Prayer

April 26, 2026

God of Peace,

Summon us to obey your commandment to refrain from violence, as we hear of assassination attempts, family shootings, attacks in hospitals, and the ongoing wars that stain the ground with blood. Summon us to step back from our rage, to commit to building peace, to enlisting aid in reconciliation. Most of all, break open our hearts so that hatred may drain away and your love may refill them once again.

Help us, O God of Peace.

Help us as well in the strains and stresses of our days. Sometimes it seems like we have enough and more than enough. Sometimes we wonder how to make ends meet. Sometimes our affection flows like a mountain stream. Sometimes our anger surges like pounding surf. Sometimes our health fails, and sometimes our imagination stops. Sometimes we just do not know who we are.

Help us, O God of Peace.

Comfort the grieving and bring healing comfort to the sick, O God. Raise us from our fears and renew our confidence in your presence. Increase our generosity to one another in both tangible and intangible gifts. Most of all, hear our confessions and forgive our sins, so that we may live better able to love, to serve, and to rejoice with you in the heavenly realm where all dwell in peace.

Help us, O God of Peace.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen.