

Pastoral Prayer  
May 31, 2026

Loving Creator,

We beseech your aid in bringing peace to a world with too much suffering and too much death. Wars continue to rage in Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine, Somalia, Myanmar, and too many other places. People use violence against one another to take what they want or make their own way. Laws that protect the meek are too often weak. Laws that promote the strong are too often unassailable.

Help us bring a deep and meaningful peace to the world.

We pray for those who struggle to recover from injury or illness. Let the healing power that Jesus revealed be present in their bodies. Sharpen the perception of medical professionals and deepen the compassion of all caregivers, so that our nursing promotes healing. And when the body's strength no longer suffices, welcome the soul that makes its way to you. Comfort the grieving and renew our hope for resurrection.

As we live our days, O God, may we find your wisdom to hand. Help us to discern the better options, the more generous choices. Help us to display the love you showed us in making us, in saving us, and in filling us with your Spirit. Help us to love wisely and well, so that no one lacks for food or shelter or friendship or a confirmation of hope. Send wise and loving people to us, that we also may know what it is to be tenderly cared for by one who bears the sacred image of the Creator.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.