

Pastoral Prayer
September 6, 2026

Loving God,

We continue to pray for those affected by the terrible floods in Nepal and China, and for those seeking to bring aid. We also pray for those affected by Hurricane Lala, and for those who may be affected by Hurricane Lowell in our islands. All in all, it has been a scary season for us and for many, O God. We need your help, your guidance, and your strength.

We give you thanks for the wonders of our lives. Rain and sun combine so that grasses, flowers, bushes, and trees rise up from the ground. Animals scurry in their shelter and birds sing in their branches. We are surrounded by beings you created in your image, and in them we find laughter and even love. Bless us, O God, as you have, and bless us also with the ability to appreciate your goodness in creation.

We pray for the success of those meeting to find the way from war to peace in Ukraine. We pray that such efforts might be undertaken and successful for Iran and the United States, for Myanmar and Palestine, Israel and Lebanon, Syria, Somalia, and Sudan. May we find the ways to love one another, not harm one another. May we find the ways to lift one another up rather than go down together in conflict.

Bless us in our joys and our needs. Bless us in our dreams and our failures. Bless us in our repentance and in our faithfulness. Bless us, O God, in Jesus' name.

Amen.