

Pastoral Prayer
September 13, 2026

Gracious God,

Our hearts, prayers, and gifts go to those affected by this series of hurricanes in the Hawaiian Islands, beginning with our nearer neighbors on this island and those hit by last weekend's storm on Kauai and Ni'ihau. Strengthen the hearts and speed the assistance to those still without power, struggling over damaged roads, and deprived of their livelihood.

Likewise we pray for those living in the shadow of war in so many places on the planet. We pray for those who live in neighborhoods where the fear of crime is constantly present. We pray for those who live in homes where the threat of violence fills each day. We pray for peace between nations; we pray for neighborhoods where people neighbor one another. We pray for homes where everyone sleeps in peace.

Come to us in our struggles and losses and illnesses, O God. There are things we would like to do, things we need to do, and we lack the resources or the team or the good health to do them. Help us be clear about our needs, and help us to respond to one another with loving support. May your power help heal our injuries, encourage our efforts, and deepen our love for one another and for you.

You are the author of the universe. You are the One who dances among the stars and sings harmony with the birds. You are the One who roars with the waves and whispers with the breeze. You are the One who has adorned the flowers and you are the One in whose image we live. Please bless us from this day into tomorrow, and each day after that, for we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.