

Pastoral Prayer
September 20, 2026

Gracious God,

When the stars twinkle in the sky at night, you reveal your love for us. When fruit leaves its tart sweetness on our tongue, you reveal your love for us. When an infant cries, you reveal your love for us. When we inhale the scent of a flower, you reveal your love for us. When a breeze tickles our skin, you reveal your love for us.

When you give us Jesus, when you give us the Holy Spirit, when you give us one another to share the journey of life, you reveal your love for us.

We dare to ask you to reveal your love for us again. Love us through the healing of those who are sick, injured, suffering. Love us through comfort as we fear and mourn. Love us with guidance in the midst of our confusion. Love us with laughter: yes, God, join us in our joy. Love us in life. Love us in death. Love us into eternal life, we pray.

Love us, and love our neighbors near and far. Love the warring nations into peace. Love the conflicted families into harmony. Love the greedy into generosity. Love the needy into contentment.

Love us. Love the world. Love the universe you made, O God. You reveal your love for us. Reveal it again and again, we pray, in Jesus' name.

Amen.