Pastoral Prayer
November 15, 2026

Creator and Holy One,

We thank you today for the leadership of women, exercised in formal and informal ways over the years. We thank you for those who have guided us in our homes and families, in our schools and social clubs, in our church and society. We pray that all who lead, female or male, may receive your guidance and wisdom to inquire deeply and choose well. We pray urgently for a day when all women's gifts will be recognized and they will have full access to participation in our communities.

We pray for those who are facing difficult challenges today. We pray for those whose health is poor or who suffer from injuries. We pray for those whose efforts simply don't bring in enough to live. We pray for those who lack home or shelter, and for those whose hunger may not be addressed by a meal. We pray for those who have to fix things or build things, and for those who labor to heal. To these and so many others, O God, bring your gracious strength and loving guidance.

We seek that grace and guidance as well, O God. We are conscious of the things that fill our days that make life possible. We pray that amidst all the business, we find the stillness to fill our hearts with the beauty of your Creation, with the marvels of music, with the taste and scent of goodness, with the deep joy of human love. And we pray that sometimes in that stillness we hear the still small voice of your Holy Spirit to settle us into peace and fill our hearts with your love.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.