

Pastoral Prayer of the Day

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Holy God,
We will not find that needed justice in our apathy;
we will not find that elusive wholeness with our quarreling;
we will not find our hoped for unity with our doctrines;
we will not find our misplaced love with our hating;
we will not find that rest we crave in our overflowing planners;
we will not find the peace you offer in our well nursed grudges.

But
we will find you in the brokenness of the Bread
 and in the breaking of our hearts;
we will find you when we drain the Cup,
 refill it with our gifts, and offer it to a little child;
we will find you when we squeeze closer together,
 making room at the Table for all your people.

On this World Communion Sunday,
 let our hearts be filled with concern for our
 family and friends,
 our neighborhood and our world.

So in faith we pray to you for all who are suffering
 from illness, grief, old age, and exile:

(INSERT)

Help us to find you, Lover of Peace,
Redeem us and pour out your grace upon us.

May the warmth of your tenderness melt our frozen souls,
 may the balm of your words mend any broken hearts
 we have damaged,
 may we be as trusting and vulnerable as a little child,
 as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Brother,
 into your kingdom of joy.

AMEN

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Lord, we ask for healing for (names)

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Give comfort and peace to those whose family members have recently passed away (names)

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Grant traveling mercies to (names)

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Joys

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