

Pastoral Prayer – God of Hope

God of hope, who comes to us in the mundane moments of our lives:

in the laundry room and kitchen,
in the boardroom and barn,
as we sort papers or money,

We are so thankful this morning for all the good gifts you have given us:

for the phone call when we needed it,
for friends who make us laugh,
for hard decisions that grow us deeper into faith.

We bring before you today those we know and love

who are ill,
who are struggling with life's deep questions,
who are looking for ways to make ends meet.

We ask for your strong healing presence.

We bring before you today our communities where we live.

Give wisdom to our leaders:

open their minds and hearts to hear what people are saying;
may they work for the good of all,
especially for the poor and disadvantaged among us.

We bring before you our world:

this garden that you planted, tend, and care for.

We ask for peace between nations,

between brothers and sisters who are fighting.

We ask for joy to infiltrate the hardest heart.

Open our eyes, Lord.

Help us to see with deeper vision that you accept us just as we are,

with all our hopes and dreams,
joys and sorrows.

And now we gather all our prayers together and pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father...

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