

Prayer for Pastoral Care Sunday

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God, you heal us and make us whole.

We feel helpless when we people we know and love are suffering.

We pray for Burt Coutts, recovering from back surgery and a 5-day flu, for Herb Morrison, who was our intern, recovering from back problems, for Mary Fowler who had a knee replacement, and for those facing unexpected illnesses and difficult treatments.



We pray for people from our church who are living in 11 different nursing homes, and for those waiting for a place to call home.

We pray for the people attached to our community who can't get out to be here with us today

We pray for those who live in poverty and mental illness and for those who suffer violence or abuse.

In the silence of our own hearts, we raise our prayers for others known to us.

SILENCE

In the silence of our hearts we now raise to you the hurting places in our own lives that need your care, your healing.

SILENCE

On this Pastoral Care Sunday, we give thanks for the ways in which we care for each other.

We thank you for our natural instinct to care, to be generous and ready to share, we thank you for the knitters, we thank you for the work of the pastoral care team and for everyone who does pastoral care, officially and unofficially; for the casseroles, phone calls, visits, emails, helping hands and just checking in on each other...

God we thank you for the UCW groups, the women who have cared for and supported each other for many years and for the Men's Supper who care and support for each other in a "Man Way"

Dear God, we thank you. You knit each one of us together in our mother's wombs and you knit us into a community with our care for one another.

Amen