

# The Lord Is Our Shepherd

Text Scripture tells us, “**Acknowledge that the LORD is God. He made us, and we are his – his people, the sheep of his pasture**” (Psalm 100:3). As our Shepherd, the LORD tends to our wounds, guides us, and protects us. We are under His authority. Our Shepherd is gentle with our hearts, yet He is God Almighty who rules over all of creation.

## Pray Psalm 23

Slowly read Psalm 23 aloud as a prayer to God declaring that He is our Good Shepherd.

*The LORD is my shepherd;  
I have what I need.  
He lets me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside quiet waters.  
He renews my life;  
he leads me along the right paths for his name's sake  
Even when I go through the darkest valley,  
I fear no danger for you are with me;  
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD as long as I live.*

## Prayers of Thanksgiving

Look at Psalm 23 and all that God provides and promises for us, His sons and daughters. What is one thing in Psalm 23 that you are especially grateful for today?

God, thank you for \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank with one promise you are especially grateful for today).

## Prayers of Invitation

Our Heavenly Father desires to “shepherd” our hearts. He promises to care for us, lead us, protect us and provide for us. What do you need from your Heavenly Father today? Invite your Heavenly Father to work in your heart and in your life. Thank Him for being your Shepherd.

Father, I need \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank with whatever feels like the greatest needs you have today), and I invite you to work in my heart and life. Thank you for being my Good Shepherd and taking great care of me.

## Closing Prayer

Father, thank you that we belong to you. We are your sons and daughters whom you love and take such good care of each day. We love you and we trust you. Lead us as we gather today to study your Word. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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