

Lord, thank you for sending Jesus, the Good Shepherd, sending him to save us from our sin and to reconcile us to you. What a change in my heart he has made! Thank you for sending Jesus, the Good Shepherd, that I can have abundant life. What a true blessing of life and faith. Thank you, Father, for your continual and eternal love and care. As these days of pandemic continue, as frustration or concern rises, as distancing remains, as chaos mounts in our world, as doubt and disbelief swirl around us, Lord, I pray for your shepherding, for your guidance and relief. In a fractured world, pour out your Spirit upon us, upon the church, that unity will be discovered and restored, that worship and faithfulness will come from hearts which have surrendered to you. Still the racing, changing nature of my heart, so tempted by the pleasures and passions of this world; and keep my eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter; in whose name I pray. Amen.