

Prayer for Illumination

Jesus, Good Shepherd, speak us into holy calm; discipline us into right living; ready us for Eternity. Amen

Psalm 23 *Guidance and Security*

The LORD is my Shepherd,
I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
He leads me beside quiet waters,
He refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for His Name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
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.

Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Amen

John 10:11-16 *Job Description*

Jesus says,

"I am the Good Shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away.

Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and My sheep know Me – just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father – and I lay down My life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to My voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

The reason My Father loves Me is that I lay down My life – only to take it up again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from My Father".

Amen