

Lord God we pray for you Church, for all who serve as leaders and pastors of your people. We ask that they will always seek to follow the example of the Good Shepherd, being always aware of your guidance and prepared to show the love you show to us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord, we pray for your world, thinking especially of those who are voiceless and oppressed, abused and exploited, those who have been imprisoned or tortured for their beliefs that they may know comfort and security. And we pray for the leaders of nations that they may realise their responsibilities to all the people they govern and your purpose of peace.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord, we pray for all who work in the caring professions, for doctors, nurses, social workers and the multitude of others who are concerned with the health and well-being of our nation. May they always display those qualities found in the Good Shepherd and show his compassion in all that they do.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord we pray for those struggling with issues of physical, mental or spiritual health.

For those who feel rejected or burdened by guilt

For the lonely and any who have got to the point where they feel life is no longer worth living

For those who feel like sheep without a shepherd

You are the great healer, and we pray for healing of mind and body and spirit for those we now name in the silence of our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again.

Keep us always under his protection,

and give us grace to follow in his steps;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we offer these and all our prayers.

AMEN