

Have you put your trust in Jesus who died and rose again from the dead? Have you asked Him to forgive you and live in your life? Are you relying on Jesus alone to save and shepherd you? Receive Him now, by faith, asking Him to make you His forever.

Will you now pray this prayer, meaning every word?

**Dear God,  
I have wandered from you  
because of my sin.  
Please forgive me and become  
my Good Shepherd.  
Thank you that Christ died and  
rose again for me.  
Please come to live within me  
in life, through death and for  
eternity.  
Thank you for loving me and  
making me yours.  
Amen.**

### PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down  
in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.  
<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths  
of righteousness  
For His name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
For You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff,  
they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in  
the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup runs over.  
<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me  
All the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house  
of the Lord forever.

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about Christianity,*

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## PSALM 23

**Its words are still loved and sung as a Christian hymn all over the world. You probably learnt it by heart, and I'm sure have sung it many times.** It was written by the shepherd-king, David. Psalm 23 has been a help to millions of people. *(The psalm is printed at the end).*

God is pictured as a loving, caring shepherd of His sheep. If you have trusted Him as your Shepherd, He promises to be with you in life, in death and for eternity.

### Look at verse 1.

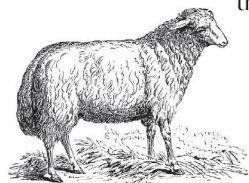
God, the Good Shepherd, can be with you throughout the whole of life's journey. You need never lack anything. All that your heavenly

Father knows you have need of, He will provide. We do not always understand everything but God knows what He is doing, and does all things well.

We can cast all our care on Him, for He cares for us. Jesus told us not to worry, but to give our burdens to the Lord who will sustain us. Worry is needless, useless and godless. There is a loving Shepherd whom we can trust in all things.

### Now look at verse 4.

God, the Good Shepherd, can be with you in the hour of death. You need never be lonely. God promises to be with us even when we are at our weakest. If we are trusting in Him, He will never leave us or forsake us.



### Look at verse 6.

God, the Good Shepherd, can be with you for ever. You need never be lost. No one is good enough for heaven. You may have said, 'I've never done anyone any harm', but the Bible says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We have not always been good Samaritans! God, who is so holy, could have condemned each one of us to hell, but He wants to be our Shepherd, to take us home one day to heaven.

He can do this because of Jesus. Jesus said, 'The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.' Jesus Christ came into the world, and went about doing good and great things. But when He was crucified He did something very wonderful. He died, taking on Himself the punishment for all that is wrong in our lives. He died for our sin.

Do you remember the hymn: 'There is a green hill far away'? It says:

*He died that we might be forgiven  
He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to heaven  
Saved by His precious blood*

A little boy, years ago, was taught in Sunday School the five words; 'The Lord is my Shepherd'. To help him learn them, each word was linked to a finger on his left hand. Tragically, some time later, the boy was caught in a snowstorm in the hills. By the time he was found sadly his little body had frozen to death. But the boy's right hand fingers were grasping tightly the fourth finger of his left hand. The finger reminding him of the words, 'The Lord is MY shepherd'.

Is the Lord YOUR Shepherd?