

Church Intercessions – Fourth Sunday of Easter 03-05-2020

Acts 2.42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.1-10; John 10.1-10.

Good Shepherd, you are the shepherd of many flocks: hear our prayers for all the peoples of the world.

We pray for all who are suffering as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic, those who are sick, those who have lost loved ones, those who are struggling in isolation, and those whose livelihoods have been shattered. We pray for all in positions of authority and responsibility, that they will be enabled, to alleviate the suffering now, and that they would be guided to make good plans for a brighter future. We give you thanks for the diminishing cases here in Australia.

We pray for all those who are rebuilding their lives after Cyclone Harold wreaked havoc in so many Pacific Island Nations.

Lead us in the paths of righteousness, that your people everywhere may be enabled to feel secure in your love.

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Good Shepherd, you call us each by name and claim us as your own: hear our prayers for your worldwide church.

We pray for the Anglican Communion, for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, for our new Primate, Archbishop Geoff Smith, for our own Bishop Murray, and for our St Cuthbert's parish family. We pray for all who are shepherds of your flock, all who have lost their way or strayed from your path, all who have heard your voice and come at your call.

Guide us in your ways, that following you we may tread the path that leads to abundant life.

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Good Shepherd, each of your flock is precious in your eyes: hear our prayers for the communities in which we live.

We pray for the very old, the very young, and those who are unable to care for themselves; we pray for all who are unemployed at this time and those who cannot provide for their families; we pray for all whom we love, for our families, for our friends, and for ourselves.

Protect your people from all danger and harm, that they may know your goodness and mercy in their lives.

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Good Shepherd, you seek especially your lost and wounded ones: hear our prayers for all in trouble or need.

We pray for those who are anxious; we pray for those with no clear direction in life; we pray for the lonely and those who grieve for loved ones; we pray for all who are sick, all those we know, those who are dying, and all who give them care.

Comfort us on each dark and stony path, that in your presence we may not be afraid.

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Good Shepherd, you long to bring all your flock safely home: we give you thanks for your followers of every age.

We give thanks for all who have heard your call, and followed where you have lead, and we remember those from this parish whom you have gathered into your fold.

Be present with us all our days and at our life's end bring us safely through the valley of the shadow of death, that we may come to dwell in your house forever.

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.



Adapted from "Let Us Pray" Janet Nelson