

Blessed are you, Lord our God, when we were lost you sent your Son the Good Shepherd to bring us home. He descended into the depths to raise us to the heights; he tasted death for us so we may know eternal life. Blessed are you Father Son and Holy Spirit.

We give thanks today for all who are called to be shepherds of your people, all who are guides and protectors. We pray for Archbishop Stephen and those involved with the appointment of a new Archbishop of Canterbury; we pray for our Diocesan Bishops and all clergy especially for Fr Andrew, Fr. Andy, Bob and George. Bless all who teach the faith and help us to walk in the way of holiness.

We pray for those areas of our world where war and unrest continues, praying especially for countries of the Middle East and for their governments that they may come to the negotiating table to search for peace and stability for that region. Bless Lord, the many relief agencies and all who work for the relief of poverty and suffering in these areas. We pray for all whose lives are disrupted by natural disaster or actions of their governments.

We give thanks for our homes families those we love, guide us in the way of peace, and give us wisdom to support them in their needs. We pray for all who worship at All Saints and St Peter's, for those who work, live, or pass through this area. Loving Father, we pray for all schools and those who teach and work in them, praying especially for those who face exams in the coming weeks the outcome of which will help to shape their future lives.

We bring to you loving Father the sick and the lonely those who have no family nearby, praying for those who are in hospital nursing or rest home. Loving Father we give thanks for all ambulance crews, paramedics all nursing staff, especially those in our local hospitals. We pray for all hospital chaplains especially those working in this Hospital Trust here in Worthing and at St Richard's Chichester and Southlands.

Gracious God, you have rescued us from the darkness of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. We pray that you lead us peacefully to the green pastures and beside the still waters. Restore our souls when we wander from you; and evermore guide us in the paths of righteousness for your name sake. Equip us to do your will in everything that is good, that our lives may be acceptable to you through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen