

Blessed are you, Lord our God, when we were lost in our sin you sent our Lord as the Good Shepherd to bring us home. He descended into the depths to raise us to the heights; he tasted death for us to 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 our Archbishops Justin and Stephen, our Diocesan Bishops, Martin Ruth and Will for all clergy especially for Fr Andrew, Bob and George. Bless all who teach the faith and help us to walk in the way of holiness, praying for those in Reader ministry especially in our parish for Jennie.

We pray for all who work in the emergency services for ambulance crews, paramedics, all who work in our local hospitals, praying especially for the hospital chaplains working in the Hospital Trust in Worthing, St Richard's and Southlands. Bless Lord, the many relief agencies and all who work for the relief of poverty and suffering, among the poor of the world, in your love for all nations and their people give to each a wise and faithful leader. We pray for those areas of our world where war and unrest continues. May their governments continue to search for peace and stability within their countries.

We give thanks for our homes and those we love, guide us in the way of peace, and give us wisdom and love to support them in their needs. We pray for all who worship at All Saints and St Peter's and all who work live or pass through this area. We pray this morning for those who live in Foxley Lane, and Chatsworth Close. 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 homes today.

Gracious God, you have rescued us from the darkness of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Be with those who have said goodbye to someone dearly loved in the past days. Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ remembering before you with thanksgiving the recently departed.

God of peace, who's Son, our Lord Jesus Christ was brought back from the dead to become the great Shepherd of the sheep by the blood that sealed an eternal covenant; 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.

We offer our prayers through Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep.
Amen