



**Shepherding Love: A Prayer Based on Psalm 23**  
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Loving God,  
Shepherd me  
For I easily wander.

Clarify my heart and mind,  
Meet my every need  
And release me  
From my selfish wants.

Rest me in trust  
Of Your abundance  
Discovered in the stillness  
Of Your soul-renewing waters.

Take every detour  
Of thought, word, and deed,  
And lead me on the path  
That brings me home to You.

Let no shadow of death  
Or urge of evil  
Be more powerful  
Than your nudge of love  
Persistently protecting me  
From dangers within  
And around me.

Grant me a comfort  
By setting a table of blessing  
That turns the world around  
Leaving no one out,  
Especially any enemies.

By this of Your abundant grace  
Remind me of Your call  
To bear a mercy born of You  
That good may rise anew  
In unexpected places.

Yes, guide my life  
With Your leading love  
Into Your gracious heart  
And reveal to me  
My truest home.

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