

“GOD IS OUR SHEPHERD” DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

Our prayer this week focuses on God Who is our "*Shepherd*". He is the One Who cares for us, guards us, guides us and tends to our needs.

It comes from our prayer verse, Hebrews 13:20-21a "Now may the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that *great Shepherd* of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Our encouragement from these verses first starts from knowing that God is the God of true peace and He gives this to us by giving us His Son, Jesus, to *Shepherd* us into a right relationship with Him. This peace is not the imitation kind that the world offers but the kind that only the *great Shepherd* can offer to souls that so desperately need to walk this earth with Him. When we believe and accept this beautiful gift of our Lord Jesus, we become *His sheep* and He our *great Shepherd*. And when we become *His sheep*, our Heavenly Father guards us, guides us and equips us with everything good that we need as we face life and all its situations here on this earth. He tends to our every need by giving us His Son's presence and power, His Own Holy Spirit, to flow through our hearts, counseling us and equipping us ("*Shepherding* us") for each and every day's tasks. From the greatest tasks to the smallest, we have His presence, power and wisdom to accomplish what lies before us. As walk these daily paths with Him, He is working in us what is pleasing to Him through the power of His Son, Jesus Christ, the *great Shepherd*. He does this so it will bring peace to our hearts and glory to His name. Let us pray that we and our loved ones will humble our hearts and let Him be our *great Shepherd*. Let us pray we will listen and follow Him in peaceful obedience in each and every situation. Let us pray that He will guard over us, protecting us when the enemy attacks and give us His wisdom, power and peace in those times. Let us pray, in thanksgiving, that He is already tending to our needs as we walk this earth with Him. And finally, let us pray that He will make us what we should be, and that He will equip us with everything good to carry out His will for us while here on this earth, so all of it will bring glory to His name and peace and joy to our souls! Let us pray in faith that He is already working this in our lives!

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts and praise you for being our *Shepherd*. We ask that You, the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that *great Shepherd* of the sheep, will strengthen, complete and perfect me and...

(names of those you are praying for).

That You will make us what we should be; that You will equip us with everything good to carry out Your will while You work and accomplish in us what is pleasing in Your sight. Lord, we believe You desire to do this for us for it is in Your Word. May we recognize our need for You and humble our hearts before your mighty throne. May our hope be in You all day long. Thank-you for loving us with an everlasting love and may it all be for the glory of Your name. In Your loving Son's name, Jesus, we pray, Amen."