

### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd,  
There is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
Where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
To revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;  
He is true to his name.  
If I should walk through the valley of darkness,  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your rod and your staff  
With these you give me comfort.

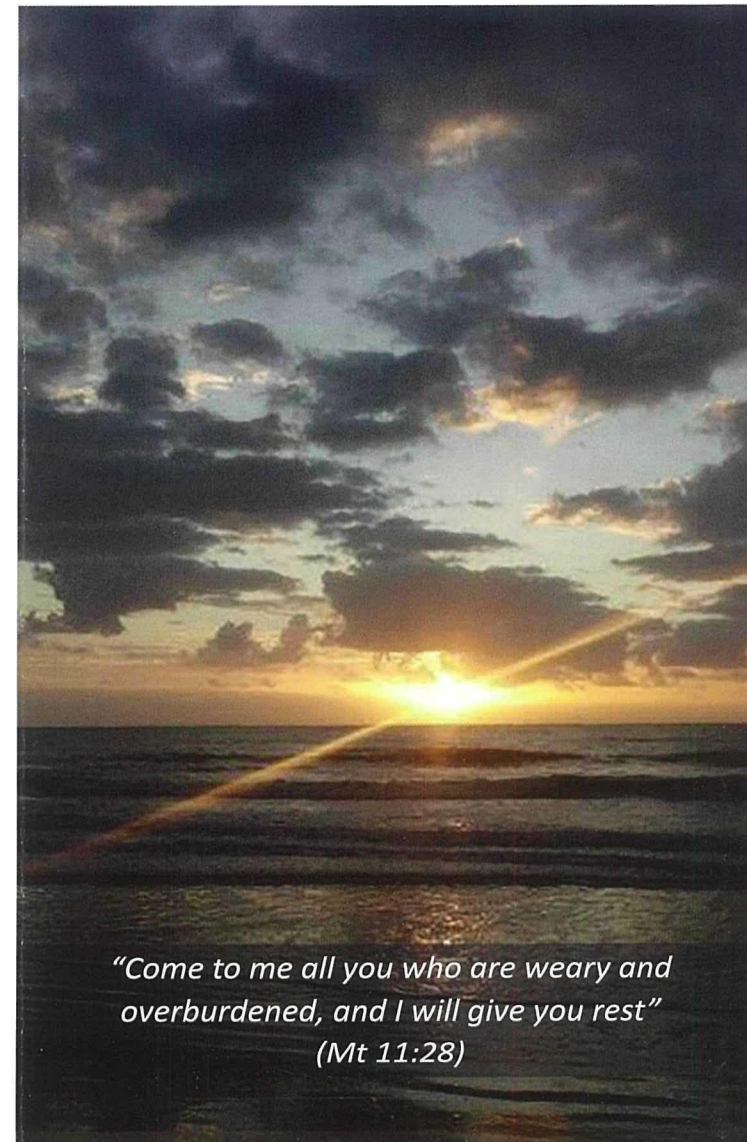
Surely goodness and kindness will follow me  
All the days of my life.  
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
For ever and ever. **Amen**

*Prayer is a rich resource  
in caring for the spirit.*

**Rituals and other forms of artistic expression  
can connect our physical and spiritual worlds to  
make life experiences meaningful.**

This ritual has been developed to provide  
prayerful support for patients and families in  
times of need and uncertainty.

*Ministry of Care  
to the Sick and to  
those who Grieve*



*"Come to me all you who are weary and  
overburdened, and I will give you rest"  
(Mt 11:28)*

## Greeting

Loving God, grant to N.  
and to us who surround N. with our prayers  
your peace beyond our understanding.  
Give us faith, the comfort of your presence,  
and the words to say to one another, and to  
you, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen**

## Scripture Readings

### Matt 5: 1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.  
Then he began to speak:

Blessed are the poor in spirit:

Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the gentle:

They shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who mourn:

They shall be comforted.

Blessed are the merciful:

They shall have mercy shown them.

Blessed are the pure in heart:

They shall see God.

**and/or**

### John 14:2

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it  
were not so, would I have told you that I go to  
prepare a place for you?

## Blessing

Through this blessing may the Lord in His love  
and mercy help you N. with the grace and  
power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

(Those present are invited to make the sign of  
the cross + on N. forehead)

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You chose to share our human nature,  
To redeem all people and to heal the sick  
Look with compassion upon N.,  
Whom we have blessed in your name.  
Support N. with your power,  
Comfort N. with your protection,  
And give N. the strength of your Holy Spirit.  
**Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

(All of us present are invited to join in)

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen**

## We pray for the family, may they find comfort

Blessed are you who mourn now,  
For you shall be comforted.  
It is the Lord,  
who will show you His tender mercy,  
who will pour His peace upon you  
to keep you hoping,  
keep you trusting.

The Lord's love for you is so strong that your  
grief has not been forgotten,  
nor your loss unheeded,  
nor your tears unheard.

The Lord cares.  
The Lord knows all your suffering,  
and He has promised,  
He will comfort you;  
He will enfold you in His love.

## Concluding prayer

Loving and merciful God,  
We entrust N. to your mercy.

You loved N. greatly in this life:  
Now that N is freed from all its cares,  
Give N. happiness and peace for ever.

Welcome N. into paradise  
Where there will be no more sorrow,  
No more weeping or pain,  
But only peace and joy. **Amen**

