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Like a good shepherd, Jesus sees the needs of his people and always responds with love.

Knowing God's love and concern for us all, let us settle ourselves in his presence and pray to him now.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin, is:
The Lord is my shepherd: **there is nothing I shall want.**

Recognizing our brokenness and disunity as your Church, we pray for your leading to draw us closer to one another as we draw closer to you; we pray for all our Christian brothers and sisters in this neighbourhood, and for all who are searching for meaning in their lives. (pause)

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With the noise of global conflicts and human deprivation thundering in our ears, with the questions and doubts clamouring, we pray for your shepherding of our humanness and your leading in the secret places of the heart. (pause)

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With the statistics of family life challenging our values, and with the pressures to conform to norms in conflict with God's will, we pray for your sound and centered wisdom in all our daily living and life choices. (pause)

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With the stressed and overburdened, the overworked and the unemployed, we pray for balanced lives; for physical, mental and spiritual health; for patience in times of trouble, and direction in times of confusion. (pause)

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As we remember with love and gratitude the lives of those who have died in faith, we commend them to your eternal rest and unchanging affection. (pause)

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Gracious God, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**