



*“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”
(John 10:11)*

A Novena to the Good Shepherd

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

Hymn

Christ be with me, Christ within me. Christ behind me, Christ
before me. Christ beside me, Christ to win me. Christ to
comfort and restore me. Christ in quiet, Christ in danger.
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of
friend and stranger.

Antiphon: When the chief shepherd appears, you will
receive the glorious crown

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose; Besides restful waters
he leads me; He refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths For his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley,

I fear no evil, for you are at my side; With your rod and your
staff that give me courage. You spread the table before me

In the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me

All the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of the Lord

For years to come.

Antiphon: When the chief shepherd appears, you will receive
the glorious crown

Psalm Prayer

Let us Pray

Good Shepherd of the flock, you tend and feed and protect your chosen people and only ask us to put our trust in your loving care. As host you entertain us at your welcome table and anoint us with your Holy Spirit. Make us ever thankful for all your blessings, O Savior of the world, living and reigning with the Father and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Reading

John 10:11-15

I am the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

Pause for Silence

Antiphon: When the chief shepherd appears, you will receive the glorious crown.

Litany of the Good Shepherd

Most High God, Shepherd of Israel: Hear us and help us, we
humbly pray.

Good Shepherd, who was willing to die for the sheep:

Hear us and help us, we humbly pray. Good Shepherd, who
knows the name of each one of his sheep:

Hear us and help us, we humbly pray. Good Shepherd, who
revives our droop- ing spirits:

Hear us and help us, we humbly pray. Good Shepherd, who
goes after each sheep that strays:

Hear us and help us, we humbly pray. Good Shepherd, who
rescues his sheep from the wolves:

Hear us and help us, we humbly pray. Good Shepherd, who
guards and guides his wandering sheep:

Hear us and help us, we humbly pray. Good Shepherd, who
hears the prayers of the whole flock:

Hear us and help us, we humbly pray. Good Shepherd, whose
goodness and kindness follow us all the days of our life:

Hear us and help us, we humbly pray.

Novena Prayer

Jesus, Good Shepherd, you tend your flock unceasingly and know our every need. May your crook and your staff always protect us and guide us through all the troubles of this life.

(State your own personal needs now)

Good Jesus, remember us in your infinite mercy, set us among the blessed of your Father, and save us in the time of trial, O Savior of the world, living and reigning with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, Amen.

May the great Shepherd of the flock, by the blood that sealed an eternal covenant, bless us and keep us, Amen.