

Intercessions for the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Date: April 26, 2026

Prayers by: Sarah

In the power of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord, our Shepherd, who guides us beside still waters and restores our souls.

Lord, we pray for your holy Church throughout the world. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons—especially those who shepherd your people in difficult or lonely places. May they lead with the gentleness of Christ and the courage of the Spirit.

We pray specifically for: Bishop Guli, for Romey and for all in the Saffron Walden Team and for Ashdon Baptist Church

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Good Shepherd, you know every corner of your creation. We pray for the nations of the world, especially where there is conflict, famine, or displacement. Guide the leaders of the earth to act with integrity and compassion, ensuring that the most vulnerable are protected and fed. We pray for the stewardship of the environment, that we may cherish the green pastures you have trusted to us.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We lift up our own community. We pray for our schools, our local businesses, and our neighbours. In a world of competing voices, help us to recognise your voice calling us by name. Strengthen the bonds of fellowship within this parish, that we may truly be one flock under one Shepherd.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We pray for everyone struggling with poor health or heavy hearts. We remember the lonely, the anxious, and those who feel they have lost their way. Pour out your healing grace upon them. May they feel your protection and guidance comforting them.

Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

We commend to your unfailing love those who have died. We rejoice in the promise that they shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Grant us, with them, a share in your eternal kingdom.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen
