



GRANDVIEW SUMMER PRAYER 2019

You are the Good Shepherd.
You lay down your life for your sheep.

*Become aware of God's loving presence
within and without.*

Good Shepherd,
**You are always with us,
guiding our steps,
comforting our hearts.**

*Listen for the ways that God has been
moving among us and give thanks.*

Good Shepherd,
You hear us when we call for help.

*Offer prayers of petition, listening to the
Spirit for guidance in how to pray.*

Good Shepherd,
**Protect us from thieves,
that comes to steal, kill and destroy.
Attune us to your voice,
that calls us by name.**

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AMEN.

In this season we recognize our deep dependence on God for all aspects of our church life and collective calling. Over the course of 2019, a few themes have emerged for us to hold this year. The first is to pay special attention to what God is doing in our midst. Like Jesus who often explained that he only did what he saw the Father doing, we, too, want to recognize what God may be doing among us at this particular time so that this can be a compass, of sorts, for us in the year ahead.

The other theme is the need to wake up and pray, much like Jesus called his disciples to in the Garden of Gethsemane: "Watch and pray that you do not fall into temptation." We do not want to be a people of fear but we do want to be a people alert, intentionally praying for protection and mending.

We ask that you would consider using this prayer card, or a similar prayer, to pray for the church over the summer. The format is such that you can use it alone or in groups. If themes emerge for you as you pray, we encourage you to share these with others.

This written prayer is based on imagery in John 10 and Psalm 23. The prayer image is of the Good Shepherd journeying through a map of the life of Jesus. Many of places Jesus walked are depicted there. The Good Shepherd continues to lead sheep on similar paths - a journey that, yes, is often cruciform, but that is also, YES, toward resurrection and waters of restoration.