

# Prayer Guide ✝ August 2021

Journey to the Streets Waco, Texas

God wants to hear from you! Use these prayers and Bible scriptures to help you start your own conversations with God ☺ He is listening!

***If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?...***

***Luke 15:4 NLT***

## ✝ FOR SALVATION<sup>1</sup>

Lord Jesus,

I confess my sins and ask for your forgiveness. Please come into my heart as my Lord and Savior.

Take complete control of my life and help me to walk in Your footsteps daily by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, Lord, for saving me and for answering my prayer.

--Amen



*...And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'*

*In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!*

***Luke 15:5-7 NLT***

## ✝ PRAISE<sup>2</sup>

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for seeking me. I'm humble that you left the ninety-nine to find me.

I praise you that you sought me when I was far from you. Thank you that you never give up on seeking the lost!

I love you Lord, I need you, and I thank you that you hear my prayers and are at work in my life. In Jesus' name.

--Amen

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from [www.naavets.org](http://www.naavets.org).

<sup>2</sup> Adapted from [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com) & <https://davidkosobucki.com>.

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## ✠ FOR COMPASSION<sup>3</sup>

Dear Lord God,

I pray for you to help my heart. I pray that you will grow the compassion of Christ within me.

Help me to love the people around me the way that Christ loves them.

Please fill my heart with compassion.

Teach me how to love and comfort others as your son Jesus did and does.

Father, let the Holy Spirit coat my heart with compassion, in Jesus' name.

-- Amen



*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

*Matthew 9:36 NLT*

## ✠ TO BE NEAR THE SHEPHERD<sup>4</sup>

Dear Heavenly Father,

I have wandered away from you many times, like a sheep wandering from home. But you keep bringing me back with your grace and truth. You send people to fetch me and friends to corral me.

I know you oversee my soul. My rescue and return have happened too many times to deny it. Thank you for making me a sheep in your pasture.

Help me to follow you all the days of my life and keep me from wandering away from you in the future.

Help me love being near you, my shepherd. Let me lean into your word and your ways instead of away from them.

Make me an example to those around me of how you can bless a soul—even in this broken, earthly desert—when we stay close to you.

--Amen

*Now may the God of peace...that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Hebrews 13:20-21 NIV*

<sup>3</sup> Adapted from [unveiledwife.com/prayer](http://unveiledwife.com/prayer)

<sup>4</sup> Adapted from <https://connectusfund.org/20-most-powerful-prayers-for-overcoming-depression>