

As you begin this prayer journey in Lent,  
here is a prayer you might like to use:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end.  
Nor do I really know myself,  
And the fact that I think that I am following your will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you  
does in fact please you.  
And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.  
And I know that, if I do this, you will lead me by the right road,  
though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust you always,  
Though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

(a prayer of Thomas Merton)



## BEING WITH JESUS

*“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
He leads me beside quiet waters,  
He refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths...”  
(Psalm 23)*

Week 1

Remember the guidelines for your time of prayer, more details in the booklet:

- Being still in God's presence
  - God loves us more than we can imagine
  - His Spirit is at work in us
  - Begin with a simple "breath prayer"
- Reviewing the last day
  - Ask Jesus to show you what was significant
  - Rejoice in the good, and thank him
  - Say sorry where needed, and receive forgiveness
  - Where was God most present?
- Meditate on the bible passage for the day
  - Ask Jesus to speak to you through the passage
  - Read it slowly, maybe out loud, or write it out.
  - Listen for the verse/phrase that God highlights
  - Dwell on that
  - Pray about the thoughts that come
- Ending
  - Commit the day to the Lord
  - Pray the Lord's prayer
  - Make a note of what has been significant in your prayer time in a notebook/journal

Each day, ask God to help you to grow more confident in his loving care for you and for grace to trust him more.

DAY 1	Psalm 23 <i>Listen for the phrase the Lord highlights</i> <i>Receive it as God's word to you today</i>
DAY 2	Psalm 23 again
DAY 3	John 1:35-42 <i>Listen to Jesus ask the disciples, "What are you looking for?" How would you respond?</i>
DAY 4	John 1:35-42 again <i>Or another day in Psalm 23 if you prefer</i>
DAY 5	Isaiah 43:1-7 <i>Imagine the Lord saying these words to you;</i> <i>put your name in place of Judah/Israel</i> <i>look for a particular verse/phrase</i>
DAY 6	Isaiah 43:1-7 again
DAY 7	Review the week. What has God been saying to you? Make some notes in your journal/notebook.