



Intercessions for 4th Sunday of Easter 25th April 2021

The Lord is our Shepherd; knowing his care for us, let us pray.

For all who shepherd others as bishops and pastors, and for all in their care; for Christians threatened and under attack; and all whose ministry feels demanding. For a greater affection and care, one for another, in the Church.

We pray for all in positions of leadership and influence in our world, that they may use that power for good; for an increase in our concern for one another's well-being, across all barriers, and for all who are working to build community.

We pray for those who are wandering, lost and aimless, with no idea that any Good Shepherd exists; for those who die unaware that they are precious and valued by the God who loved them into being.

We pray for those who have died to this earthly life, that the Good Shepherd, who understands what it is to die, may bring them safely home.

We pray in thankfulness for your shepherding of us, and own you as our Good Shepherd in whom we are kept safe for ever.

Lord of the Church, **hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever. Amen.**