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**I LIVE. FOR WHOM DO I LIVE?**

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter—Good Shepherd Sunday—the Church celebrates the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo XIV invites us to journey along the path of a truly beautiful life: one that is born when we pause, listen, and welcome the call that God holds in the depths of our hearts. It is not a project imposed from the outside, but a free gift that blossoms in silence, grows in trust, and matures in daily commitment. Today we pray for all those discerning their vocation, that they may discover that the Lord knows them by name, calls them with love, and walks beside them. And we also ask that we, as a community, may be fertile ground where this call can spring forth and bear abundant fruit for the Church and for the world.

**SONG: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ktl6KaZ2bAQ>

**GOSPEL – John 10, 1-10**

“At that time, Jesus said to the Pharisees, “Amen, amen, I tell you the truth, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore, he said again, “Amen, amen, I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and He will find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.”

**Let's delve deeper into today's Word**

**John 10, 1-10.** The coherence of this Sunday's readings is particularly striking! The Psalm, the second reading, and the Gospel, all lead us back to the fold. The Psalm, which compared God's relationship with Israel to a shepherd's care for his flock, said: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures." In the second reading, Saint Peter compared those who do not believe in Jesus Christ to lost sheep: "You were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd who watches over you." And in the Gospel, Jesus develops his long discourse on the Good Shepherd. Let us remember the words of

the prophet Isaiah, who emphasizes God's care for his people: "He who has compassion on them will lead them; he will guide them beside still waters to refresh them" (Isaiah 49:9). At the same time, the prophets never ceased to warn against bad shepherds who pose a real danger to the sheep. John takes up these familiar themes again in this Sunday's Gospel, in the form of two short, successive parables: the parable of the shepherd and then the parable of the gate. John introduces both with the solemn formula: "Amen, amen, I assure you." Now, this expression always opens the door to something new. But the theme of the shepherd was already very familiar. So where was the novelty? John specifies that these two parables are addressed to the Pharisees: Jesus tells them the first one, but John tells us, "They did not understand what Jesus wanted to tell them." And it is then that Jesus moves on to the second. One can sense the patience of Jesus that inspires this new attempt to convince his audience: "I am the gate for the sheep; whoever enters through me will be saved." Which is another way of saying that he is the Messiah, the saviour: through him, the flock gains access to true life: "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." Which is almost a confidence: In this way, Jesus reveals to us why he has come. To conclude, here is a lesson from today's Gospel: Jesus tells us that the sheep follow the shepherd because they recognize his voice. Behind this pastoral image, we can read the life of faith. Indeed, our contemporaries will not follow Christ, they will not be his disciples, if we do not make Christ's voice resound and make the Word of God known. Let us listen, once again, to the call to transmit, by all means, "the sound of his voice."

## **I pray with the Word**

Today we are invited to delve deeper into the figure of the Good Shepherd, into our relationship with Him. What is your relationship like with Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd? What is your relationship like with the people who are close to you, those you accompany?



**BENDIGO AL SEÑOR – TAIZÉ**

<https://youtu.be/sy9Zkf3NxYM?si=aTU3zlppcCIYyJ3H>

# I LIVE FOR THE LORD

Lord, here we are,  
called to hear your call.

What is it? Where? How?

Make us capable of pausing,  
of entering the inner silence  
where you await us.

In the rain that falls silently  
and fertilizes the thirsty earth,

## **GIVE LIFE**

In the sun that breaks through the  
darkness  
and illuminates the path of the  
new day.

## **BE LIGHT**

In the face of our brother or sister  
that radiates the freely received  
gift.

## **BY GRACE**

In gestures that welcome,  
uplift and restore dignity.

## **BE A SIGN**

In words that heal,  
that soothe and open a new life.

## **HEAL**

In your house with open doors  
that invites us to enter  
unconditionally.

## **WELCOME**

In the sincere and tender embrace  
that comforts and restores hope.

## **TOUCH**

In the gaze that transforms,  
that sees the best and invites us to  
walk together.

## **LOOK**

In the dreams that slowly mature  
with faithfulness and trust each  
day.

## **DREAM**

In the ever-renewed attempt  
to grow toward You, to be better.  
**TRY**

In active and prayerful listening  
that opens itself and lets Your  
voice in.

## **LISTEN**

In the artist who patiently shapes  
and lets the work of Your hands  
shine.

## **CREATE**

Called to give life, to be light,  
to radiate what we have seen,  
heard, and lived.

Called and sent,  
we are vocation —  
a vocation that is born  
in silence,  
grows in trust,  
and matures in surrender.

## **SONG: SHEPHERD OF MY SOUL I GIVE YOU**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sv3e2cFcj4>

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