

"SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERE, LEAD US"

John 10:27

Introduction: One of the most beautiful prayers ever spoken by a believer is the one Dorothy A. Thrupp wrote. It was put to music and has been sung around the world for years. It is one of the most meaningful prayers a believer can ever utter.

Look it up in your Hymnal. Did you ever think seriously about the words as you sang them?

I. THE PETITIONS IN VERSE 1

1. "Savior, like a shepherd, lead us..." (*Psalm 23:2*)
2. "In thy pleasant pastures, feed us..." (*Psalm 23:2*)

II. THE PETITIONS IN VERSE 2

1. "We are thine, do thou befriend us..." (*John 15:14-16*)
2. "Be the guardian of our way..." (*Matthew 28:20*)
3. "Keep thy flock from sin, defend us..." (*Luke 11:4b*)
4. "Seek us when we go astray..." (*Psalm 23:3a*)
5. "Hear, O hear us when we pray..." (*1 Peter 3:12*)

III. THE PETITIONS IN VERSE 4

1. "Early let us seek thy favor..." (*Psalm 27:4*)
2. "Early let us do thy will..." (*Ecclesiastes 12:1*)
3. "With thy love our bosoms fill..." (*Romans 5:5*)

CONCLUSION:

1. Let's sing this hymn again now, and give special thought to what we are saying.
2. Let's sing this hymn as a prayer and mean what we are saying.