

Oh, Lord, Be Thou My Shepherd

A 12-Step Prayer

(Hymn Text Category)

Oh, Lord, be Thou my Shepherd;
Thy mercy I implore.
An enemy doth bind me
In irons fixed and sore.
Regard me with compassion:
I slip, I fall, I weep!
Oh, Lord, haste to my rescue;
Unchain this fettered sheep.

Then search my heart with rigor,
And ev'ry sin reveal.
Employ Thy mighty power
My soul to cleanse and heal.
Oh, comfort and sustain me;
Oh, sweep away my guilt.
I yield my heart unto Thee;
I live now as Thou wilt.

Assist me in amending
Each error from my past.
Then help me lift another
Whose weakness holds him fast.
My prison door swings open;
The shackles fall away.
Oh, Lord, I walk beside Thee
Into a brighter day!

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