



Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays
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The Art of Shepherding

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I am the good shepherd, I know mine and mine know me... (John 10:14)

**A Prayer Poem by Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND
for the Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2012**

Shepherding is an art.
People, like sheep, are fragile and defenseless.
Like sheep, they are shortsighted.
The saving factor of sheep and us is both respond only
to the shepherd's voice.

Shepherding is an art.
A shepherd trusts his flock to follow.
He feeds them,
waters them,
leads them to green pastures and
cares for them.
He even becomes the door of the sheepfold at night
to protect them.

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If they stray, he searches and brings back the wanderer
from the fold.

Shepherding is an art.

Did you ever think of yourself as a shepherd?

You are when you

love whatever flock you tend;

feed others with wisdom, grace, guidings and teachings and
care patiently with the rebellious, strays or the disinterested.

Lord, teach me to listen to you, the Good Shepherd. Help me to give
to my flock what I have gained from you in my quiet, listening times.

For Reflection and Sharing

1. Sometimes obstacles get in the way of hearing the voice of God.

What are some of these modern day obstacles?

2. How can you get rid of those obstacles? (Include some specific

Ideas about boundaries and priorities.)

3. Think of a person who has helped you hear the voice of the Good

Shepherd and say a prayer for that person.

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Thank you for this glorious message....to all people who have shepherded
me over my lifetime. Let me be a shepherdess to others....Amen.

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Gia, don't forget all the times you have shepherd others. Your ministry to those who are most in need in knowledge have known your care as a good shepherdess.

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I will be more mindful of this.....thank you!!!

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