



# Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays  
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*“Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; she/he will prepare your way.”  
(Isaiah 40:3)*

#### You

Who are the voices today crying out in our wastelands?  
Who are they who comfort and speak tenderly?  
Who are the shepherds gathering, feeding and caring for their flocks?

Where shall we find kindness and truth meeting  
and justice and peace kissing;  
And where shall truth spring up in our lands?

Why the delay? Why our longing? Why our impatience?  
In our lifetime will we see the new heavens and inhabit the new earth?  
There must be a John the Baptist, a precursor, someone calling out, “Repent.”

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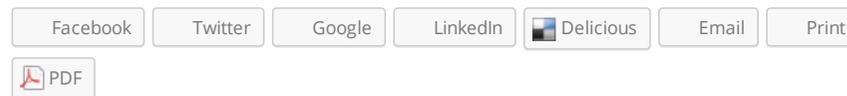
Baptized in the Holy Spirit, called to be priest, prophet and king, YOU are called to prepare the hearts of the people of God to be ready to greet the King of the Universe.

It is YOU shepherding with food for the body and the soul that can hasten the coming of a new heaven and a new earth where finally justice and peace shall kiss.

### For Reflection and Sharing:

1. Name a few shepherds of souls you've known in our lifetime.
2. What are some of the characteristics of people who care for others?
3. Why do we sometimes say, "Let John do it; let Mary do it?"
4. When do we have time to do the Works of Mercy?
5. How do we open our hearts to be the precursor in our lives?
6. How will the Lord find YOU when he returns?

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