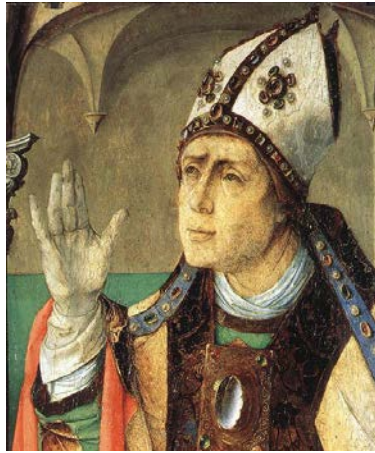


Prayer of St. Augustine



St. Augustine on Ps. 22: "*The Lord is my shepherd*"

The Lord is my shepherd

and I shall not lack anything
For he has led me to feed in a field of fresh pasture,
and placed me there to feed me

He nurtured me beside the water of baptism
where those who have lost their soundness and strength
are made new

He has guided me

along the narrow paths of his righteousness,
where few people walk; and this not for merit of mine,
but for the sake of his name.

Even though still amid this life,

which is shadowed by suffering
I shall not be afraid of evil happenings,
because you live in my heart through faith;

You are with me now,

to ensure that when this shadow has passed away,
I may be with you.

You have gladdened my soul with spiritual joy.
How wonderful the cup you give us to drink
which blots out the memory of earlier empty delights!

The mercy of the Lord

not only follow me closely in this world,
but will bring me to dwell in his house for ever.