

## ***Fully Alive Grade 5 Prayers***

### **The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)**

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

### **The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.**

Even though I walk through  
the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff —  
they comfort me.

### **The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.**

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

### **The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

### **The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.**

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Let nothing disturb you,  
nothing frighten you.  
All things are passing.  
God never changes.

St. Teresa of Avila

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## **A Prayer for Our Families**

God, Our Father,

Help us to recognize and create love in our families.

Teach us gentleness. Families need tender moments.

Teach us to be merry. Families need laughter.

Teach us forgiveness. Family members can hurt each other.

Teach us honesty. Family members do not need to hide from each other.

Teach us to be faithful. Family members cannot give up on each other.

Teach us to believe in each other. If we have faith in each other,  
we can do anything.

Teach us to be open to your plan for us.

Families need your love and help to find their way.

Amen.

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## **The Peace Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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### **The Gift of Our Lives**

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of our lives.

We are wonderfully made in your image.

Male and female you created us,

Body/Spirit persons.

You have invited us to share in your creation.

May we always respect and cherish the power

to bring new life into the world.

As we grow up, help us to be people

who live according to your plan for us.

Amen.

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### **A Light for the World**

God of faith, we believe in you.

God of hope, we place our trust in you.

God of love, we give you our hearts, our minds, and our souls.

We are your people, members of your family.

We are brothers and sisters, living in every part of your world.

You ask us to believe in each other, as you believe in us.

You ask us to trust in each other, as you trust in us.

You ask us to love each other, as you love us.

Help us to build a world filled with your goodness and your care.

Help us to see the needs of all our brothers and sisters,

and respond generously.

Help us to be a light for the world.

Amen.

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