

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd lays down his life for
the sheep."

Almighty God, we have come to your
holy temple to affirm, to proclaim, and
to celebrate life. We believe! Help
our unbelief! Amen!

Postcard Prayer
Almighty God, we are thankful for
your abiding presence in every time
human need. Even though we dwell
temporarily in life's valleys amid
shadows, we know that our journey
does not end in a darkest valley.
Through your steadying power, we are
able to pass through life's depths
and emerge victorious on the other
side. Just as it always takes light
to make a shadow, so also we
are confident that beyond hardship,
disappointment, tragedy, and even death, there
lie the light and reality of eternity. For

the vision of a clear dawn and the assurance of a brighter tomorrow, we give you thanks.

We are grateful for your presence with us not only in times of crisis but also in times when we experience joy and when our cup overflows and we partake of life in all its fullness. For your indwelling Spirit, at the time of our rebirth and entrance into salvation, we give thanks. For continuous outpourings of your Spirit, which causes us to experience gladness and to approach each ^{new} day with expectancy, happiness, and love, we thank you.