

# Psalm 23 Meaning



## Bible Verse

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Ps.23

## Key

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## Introduction

We search far and wide in this turbulent world to find peace, solace, and contentment. Sifting through daily issues, dealing with family matters, crisis, worry, anxiety, and stress have all become part and parcel of the life we live. But, this is not unique to our times.

Has God abandoned us? Does He care that we need help? Or has he separated Himself from the affairs of mankind? Although our circumstances may make us feel that way, David in the classic Psalm 23 makes several powerful declarations about God and our relationship with Him that suggest otherwise. I is no surprise that in writing this Psalm, David displayed such confidence in God. Why? He was a living testimony of what God can do. In spite of his greatness, he went through periods of need, was pursued relentlessly by his enemies and experienced deep emotional hurt and depression. God delivered him, and he used this opportunity to draw on his past experiences when God protected, comforted, guided, and restored Him. He affirmed what God—the God Shepherd was capable of doing in the “now” and the future for us—His sheep.

Psalm 23 is filled with words of hope, encouragement, and consolation. In every translation it explores the awesome relationship and privileges that the children of God have with their God. Each verse makes powerful declarations of the love, care and provision God has for those who choose to follow Him. It reminds us that there is rest for the weary, healing and anointing, comfort and restoration for those in His care – even in the worst of times.

If you are in need, grieving a loss, facing the onslaughts of the enemy or even death itself, it is my prayer that as you read each translation of this chapter, you will come to understand God’s immense love for you—He is not distant from your tears, your fears, or your cares. He is capable of accomplishing everything that concerns you. More than that, however, I pray that as you read each translation, your faith will arise, that the affirmations of the Psalmist will come alive in you bringing new hope, vision, and purpose.

May you exercise your confidence in God and make this Psalm an affirmation of the good that is yours –**now and in your future.**

# American King James Version (AKJV)

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1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

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

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

# American Standard Version (ASV)

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A Psalm of David.

1 Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou hast anointed my head with oil; My cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of Jehovah for ever.

# Amplified Bible (AMP)

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A Psalm of David.

1 The Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack.

2 He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters.

3 He refreshes and restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him—not for my earning it, but] for His name’s sake.

4 Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over.

6 Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.

# Common English Bible (CEB)

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A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd. I lack nothing.

2 He lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters;

3 He keeps me alive. He guides me in proper paths for the sake of his good name.

4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me. Your rod and your staff— they protect me.

5 You set a table for me right in front of my enemies. You bathe my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

6 Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the LORD's house as long as I live.

# Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)

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A Psalm of David:

1 ADONAI is my shepherd; I lack nothing.

2 He has me lie down in grassy pastures, he leads me by quiet water,

3 He restores my inner person. He guides me in right paths for the sake of his own name.

4 Even if I pass through death-dark ravines, I will fear no disaster; for you are with me; your rod and staff reassure me.

5 You prepare a table for me, even as my enemies watch; you anoint my head with oil from an overflowing cup.

6 Goodness and grace will pursue me every day of my life; and I will live in the house of ADONAI for years and years to come.

# Contemporary English Version (CEV)

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A Psalm by David. The Good Shepherd

1 You, LORD, are my shepherd. I will never be in need.

2 You let me rest in fields of green grass. You lead me to streams of peaceful water,

3 And you refresh my life. You are true to your name, and you lead me along the right paths.

4 I may walk through valleys as dark as death, but I won't be afraid. You are with me, and your shepherd's rod makes me feel safe.

5 You treat me to a feast, while my enemies watch. You honor me as your guest, and you fill my cup until it overflows.

6 Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life, and I will live forever in your house, LORD.

# Darby Translation (DARBY)

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A Psalm of David.

1 Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely, goodness and loving-kindness shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of Jehovah for the length of the days.

# Douay-Rheims 1899 American Edition (DRA)

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- 1 On the first day of the week, a psalm for David. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof: the world, and all they that dwell therein.
- 2 For he hath founded it upon the seas; and hath prepared it upon the rivers.
- 3 Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord: or who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 The innocent in hands, and clean of heart, who hath not taken his soul in vain, nor sworn deceitfully to his neighbour.
- 5 He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, and mercy from God his Saviour.
- 6 This is the generation of them that seek him, of them that seek the face of the God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates: and the King of Glory shall enter in.
- 8 Who is this King of Glory? the Lord who is strong and mighty: the Lord mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your gates, O ye princes, and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates: and the King of Glory shall enter in.
- 10 Who is this King of Glory? the Lord of hosts, he is the King of Glory.

# Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

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A song of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd. I will always have everything I need.

2 He gives me green pastures to lie in. He leads me by calm pools of water.

3 He restores my strength. He leads me on right paths to show that he is good.

4 Even if I walk through a valley as dark as the grave, I will not be afraid of any danger, because you are with me. Your rod and staff comfort me.

5 You prepared a meal for me in front of my enemies. You welcomed me as an honored guest. My cup is full and spilling over.

6 Your goodness and mercy will be with me all my life, and I will live in the LORD's house a long, long time.

# English Standard Version (ESV)

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The LORD Is My Shepherd | A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

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

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

# English Standard Version Anglicised (ESVUK)

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A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

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

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

# Expanded Bible (EXB)

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A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need [L will lack nothing].

2 He lets me rest [makes me lie down] in green pastures. He leads me to calm [quiet] water.

3 He gives me new strength [T renews my soul]. He leads me on paths that are right [righteous; or straight] for the good [sake] of his name [reputation].

4 Even if I walk through a very dark valley [or the shadow of death], I will not be afraid [T fear no evil], because you are with me. Your rod and your shepherd's staff comfort me.

5 You prepare a meal [L table] for me in front [the presence] of my enemies. You pour oil of blessing on my head [anoint my head with oil; C oil was a means of refreshment in a hot, dry environment]; you fill my cup to overflowing [L make my cup overflow; C a cup of blessing].

6 Surely your goodness and love [loyalty; T mercy] will be with [pursue; T follow] me all my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever [L for length of days].

# **GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)**

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A Psalm by David.

1 The Lord is my shepherd. I am never in need.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside peaceful waters.

3 He renews my soul. He guides me along the paths of righteousness for the sake of his name.

4 Even though I walk through the dark valley of death, because you are with me, I fear no harm. Your rod and your staff give me courage.

5 You prepare a banquet for me while my enemies watch. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.

6 Certainly, goodness and mercy will stay close to me all the days of my life, and I will remain in the Lord's house for days without end.

# Good News Translation (GNT)

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### The Lord Our Shepherd

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need.

2 He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.

3 He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths, as he has promised.

4 Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, LORD, for you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.

5 You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honored guest and fill my cup to the brim.

6 I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live.

# Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

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The Good Shepherd A Davidic Psalm.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

2 He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

3 He renews my life; He leads me along the right paths for His name's sake.

4 Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff—they comfort me.

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

6 Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD as long as I live.

# Jubilee Bible 2000 (JUB)

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A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff shall comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou hast anointed my head with oil; my cup is running over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will rest in the house of the LORD for ever.

# 21st Century King James Version (KJ21)

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1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

# King James Version (KJV)

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1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

# Lexham English Bible (LEB)

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Yahweh the Shepherd | A Psalm of David.

1 Yahweh is my shepherd; I will not lack for anything.

2 In grassy pastures he makes me lie down; by quiet waters he leads me.

3 He restores my life. He leads me in correct paths for the sake of his name.

4 Even when I walk in a dark valley, I fear no evil because you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare before me a table in the presence of my oppressors. You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing.

6 Surely goodness and loyal love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will stay in the house of Yahweh for a very long time.

# Living Bible (TLB)

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1 Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need!

2 He lets me rest in the meadow grass and leads me beside the quiet streams.

3 He gives me new strength. He helps me do what honors him the most.

4 Even when walking through the dark valley of death I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me, guarding, guiding all the way.

5 You provide delicious food for me in the presence of my enemies. You have welcomed me as your guest; blessings overflow!

6 Your goodness and unfailing kindness shall be with me all of my life, and afterwards I will live with you forever in your home.

# The Message (MSG)

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A David Psalm.

1 GOD, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

2 You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from.

3 True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

4 Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when You walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

5 You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.

6 Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of GOD for the rest of my life.

# Names of God Bible (NOG)

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A Psalm by David.

1 Yahweh is my Roeh. I am never in need.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside peaceful waters.

3 He renews my soul. He guides me along the paths of righteousness for the sake of his name.

4 Even though I walk through the dark valley of death, because you are with me, I fear no harm. Your rod and your staff give me courage.

5 You prepare a banquet for me while my enemies watch. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.

6 Certainly, goodness and mercy will stay close to me all the days of my life, and I will remain in Yahweh's house for days without end.

# New American Standard Bible (NASB)

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A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

# New Century Version (NCV)

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The Lord the Shepherd | A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need

2 He lets me rest in green pastures. He leads me to calm water.

3 He gives me new strength. He leads me on paths that are right for the good of his name.

4 Even if I walk through a very dark valley, I will not be afraid, because you are with me. Your rod and your shepherd's staff comfort me.

5 You prepare a meal for me in front of my enemies. You pour oil of blessing on my head; you fill my cup to overflowing.

6 Surely your goodness and love will be with me all my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

# New English Translation (NET)

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A Psalm of David.

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He takes me to lush pastures, he leads me to refreshing water.

3 He restores my strength. He leads me down the right paths for the sake of his reputation.

4 Even when I must walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for you are with me; your rod and your staff reassure me.

5 You prepare a feast before me in plain sight of my enemies. You refresh my head with oil; my cup is completely full.

6 Surely your goodness and faithfulness will pursue me all my days, and I will live in the Lord's house for the rest of my life.

# New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

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A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd. He gives me everything I need.

2 He lets me lie down in fields of green grass. He leads me beside quiet waters

3 He gives me new strength. He guides me in the right paths for the honor of his name.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid. You are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff comfort me.

5 You prepare a feast for me right in front of my enemies. You pour oil on my head. My cup runs over.

6 I am sure that your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life. And I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

# New International Version (NIV)

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A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

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

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

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

# New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

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A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

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

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

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

# New King James Version (NKJV)

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A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

# New Life Version (NLV)

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The Lord—Our Shepherd

1 The Lord is my Shepherd. I will have everything I need.

2 He lets me rest in fields of green grass. He leads me beside the quiet waters.

3 He makes me strong again. He leads me in the way of living right with Himself which brings honor to His name.

4 Yes, even if I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will not be afraid of anything, because You are with me. You have a walking stick with which to guide and one with which to help. These comfort me.

5 You are making a table of food ready for me in front of those who hate me. You have poured oil on my head. I have everything I need.

6 For sure, You will give me goodness and loving-kindness all the days of my life. Then I will live with You in Your house forever.

# New Living Translation (NLT)

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A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

2 He lets me rest in green meadows; He leads me beside peaceful streams.

3 He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

5 You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

# New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

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The Divine Shepherd | A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

3 He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 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.

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

6 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.

# New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised (NRSVA)

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The Divine Shepherd | A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

3 He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 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.

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

6 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.

# New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised Catholic Edition (NRSVACE)

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The Divine Shepherd | A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

3 He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 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.

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

6 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.

# New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (NRSVCE)

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The Divine Shepherd | A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters;

3 He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 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.

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

6 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.

# Orthodox Jewish Bible (OJB)

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### Tehillim 23

1 (Mizmor of Dovid). Hashem is my Ro'eh (Shepherd); I shall not lack.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the mei menuchot (tranquil waters).

3 He restoreth my nefesh; He guideth me in the paths of tzedek l'ma'an Shmo (righteousness for the sake of His Name).

4 Yea, though I walk through the Gey Tzalmavet (Valley of the Shadow of Death), I will fear no rah (evil); for Thou art with me; Thy shevet (rod) and Thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a shulchan before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with shemen (olive oil); my kos runneth over.

6 Surely tov and chesed shall follow me kol y'mei chaiyyai (all the days of my life): and I will dwell in the Bais Hashem l'orech yamim (for length of days, whole life)

# Reina-Valera 1960 (RSVCE)

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Jehová es mi pastor | Salmo de David.

1 Jehová es mi pastor; nada me faltará.

2 En lugares de delicados pastos me hará descansar; Junto a aguas de reposo me pastoreará.(A)

3 Confortará mi alma; Me guiará por sendas de justicia por amor de su nombre.

4 Aunque ande en valle de sombra de muerte, No temeré mal alguno, porque tú estarás conmigo; Tu vara y tu cayado me infundirán aliento.

5 Aderezas mesa delante de mí en presencia de mis angustiadores; Unges mi cabeza con aceite; mi copa está rebosando.

6 Ciertamente el bien y la misericordia me seguirán todos los días de mi vida, Y en la casa de Jehová moraré por largos días.

# Revised Standard Version (RSV)

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The Divine Shepherd | A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters;

3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

# Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (RSVCE)

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# The Voice (VOICE)

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A song of David.

1 The Eternal is my shepherd, He cares for me always.

2 He provides me rest in rich, green fields beside streams of refreshing water. He soothes my fears;

3 He makes me whole again, steering me off worn, hard paths to roads where truth and righteousness echo His name.

4 Even in the unending shadows of death's darkness, I am not overcome by fear. Because You are with me in those dark moments, near with Your protection and guidance, I am comforted.

5 You spread out a table before me, provisions in the midst of attack from my enemies; You care for all my needs, anointing my head with soothing, fragrant oil, filling my cup again and again with Your grace.

6 Certainly Your faithful protection and loving provision will pursue me where I go, always, everywhere. I will always be with the Eternal, in Your house forever.

# World English Bible (WEB)

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A Psalm by David.

1 Yahweh is my shepherd: I shall lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over.

6 Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in Yahweh's house forever.

# Wycliffe Bible (WYC)

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The Psalm of David.

1 The Lord governeth me, and nothing shall fail to me; (The song of David. The Lord governeth me, and there is nothing that I shall lack;)

2 in the place of pasture there he hath set me. He nourished me on the water of refreshing; (he hath set me in a place of pasture. He nourished me by the waters of refreshing;)

3 he converted my soul. He led me forth on the paths of rightfulness; for his name. (he transformed my soul. He led me forth on the paths of righteousness/on the right paths; for the sake of his name.)

4 For why though I shall go in the midst of shadow of death; I shall not dread evils, for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff; those have comforted me. (For though I go in the midst of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff, they have comforted me.)

5 Thou hast made ready a board in my sight; against them that trouble me. Thou hast made fat mine head with oil; and my cup, that filleth greatly, is full clear. (Thou hast prepared a table before me; before those who trouble me. Thou hast covered my head with oil; and my cup, which thou greatly filleth, is full, indeed it runneth over.)

6 And thy mercy shall follow me; in all the days of my life. And that I dwell in the house of the Lord; into the length of days. (And thy love shall follow me; all the days of my life. And I shall live in the House of the Lord forever and ever.)

# Young's Literal Translation (YLT)

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A Psalm of David.

1 Jehovah [is] my shepherd, I do not lack,

2 In pastures of tender grass He causeth me to lie down, By quiet waters He doth lead me.

3 My soul He refresheth, He leadeth me in paths of righteousness, For His name's sake,

4 Also -- when I walk in a valley of death-shade, I fear no evil, for Thou [art] with me, Thy rod and Thy staff -- they comfort me.

5 Thou arrangest before me a table, Over-against my adversaries, Thou hast anointed with oil my head, My cup is full!

6 Only -- goodness and kindness pursue me, All the days of my life, And my dwelling [is] in the house of Jehovah, For a length of days!

## Conclusion

Whatever way you may have previously defined Psalm 23, you now have many interpretations to draw from in deciding its meaning in your life. The dynamic ever-changing nature of life also helps each of us express the 23rd Psalm in the moment of speaking it, from a declaration of faith to meet a present need, to an affirmation of the always present, protecting, and providing nature of God.

However you define this prayer, we hope this compilation has expanded your consciousness of God and enriched your prayer life greatly.

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