

In today's First Reading from the prophet Ezekiel the Lord intends to gather His scattered people and to bring them home. He will reign over them as a true shepherd. The psalm takes up this saving work of our Lord with its response: "The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards His flock."

May we find these words comforting and reassuring at a time when we are having to distance ourselves from one another and to respond to the needs of those in isolation.

May we feel more than ever the real communion we share with one another because of our communion with Christ Jesus our Lord. It is in Him that we discover a true meeting of minds and hearts.

In today's Gospel Caiaphas, the High Priest, prophesies that Jesus was to die for the nation – ***"and not only for the nation, but to gather together in unity the scattered children of God."*** (John 11: 52)

Let us continue to use all the modern means at our disposal for communicating with others our love and appreciation of Christ's redemptive love.

Let us continue to pray for one another and to know that Jesus is working very powerfully here and now in our midst.

***"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the Saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundations of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. In Him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you are also built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God."*** (Ephesians 2: 19-22)