

better than other men, and he told how he fasted twice a week and gave to the poor. All he prayed about was how good he was. He did not say one word of thanks to God, or one word about his own sins.

The poor publican stood in a quiet, out-of-the-way corner. He thought of how good and loving and kind and holy God was, and he prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner." God heard his prayer and filled his heart with joy, and he went home happy, but the other man went home just as he came—thinking about himself, and how good he was.

## A PRAYER

"Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me;  
Bless thy little lamb to-night:  
Through the darkness be thou near me,  
Keep me safe till morning light.

"All this day thy hand has led me,  
And I thank thee for thy care;  
Thou hast warmed me, clothed and fed me;  
Listen to my evening prayer.

"Let my sins be all forgiven;  
Bless the friends I love so well:  
Take us all at last to heaven,  
Happy there with thee to dwell."



## DAVID'S PRAYER

**"Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,  
And cleanse me from my sin."**

—Psalm 51: 2.

## ANOTHER PRAYER

**"Forgive us our sins."**

—Luke 11: 4.