

**Texte zur CD „Prayer Songs“ von Sharon M. Peters PCJ**

**ADSUM (Latin for Here I am)**

**Ant:** O God, your presence is to me light and life – I entrust myself to you.  
Only in you can I find my fulfilment – Lord, here I am – ADSUM

Here I am, O Lord, to do your will – come to your servant, Lord,  
And my emptiness please fill – with you. **Ant.**

A candle burning bright, yet it's so small.  
Come, light your servant, Lord, and let me shine to all – for you. **Ant.**

**SHALOM (Joh 14,27, 15, 9)**

**Ant:** Shalom, shalom, my peace is here for you –  
Shalom, shalom, I'm here whatever you do.

I've left you a gift: peace of mind and heart –  
and the peace that I give isn't fragile – like the peace of the world. **Ant.**

I love you so much, as my Father has first loved me –  
And the love that I give is forever – to those who abide in me. **Ant.**

**REMAIN IN ME**

**Ant:** Remain in me, abide in my love each day.  
Remain in me, I'm your truth, your life and your way.

Walk with me, when darkness blinds your sight –  
I'll lead you home to my glorious endless light.  
Walk with me, when clouds dim your view –  
I seem distant, but I'm nearer than you are to you. **Ant.**

Walk with me, when you can't see beyond the bend,  
I'll lead you home, where my love will never end.  
Walk with me, when the road seems hard, unsure –  
with me beside you, you'll always be secure. **Ant.**

**MY LOVE** (based on Isaiah 43, 1-2)

**Ant:** I've carved your name into my hand –  
your image engraved within my heart.

Deep waters won't drown you, they'll only bathe you in my love;  
fires won't burn you, they'll only warm you with my love.

**Ant.**

Dark nights won't frighten you, for I'll light them with my love;  
fear and loneliness aren't stronger than my love.

**Ant.**

Take of my body, given for you in love;  
drink from the cup to seal our bond of love.

**Ant.**

**PSALM 139**

**Ant:** Yahweh, Yahweh, with you I'll always be –  
Yahweh, Yahweh – for all eternity.

If I fly to the heavens, you will still be there –  
if I sail to the limits of the sea – Yahweh, you'll be with me.

**Ant.**

If I climb the highest hill, you will still be there –  
if I run to the ends of the earth – Yahweh, you'll be with me.

**Ant.**

If I find the farthest shore, you will still be there –  
if I hide in the darkness of the night – Yahweh, you'll be with me.

**Ant.**

**PSALM 23** (based on Living Bible translation)

**Ant:** Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need. (2 x)

He lets me rest in the meadow grass and leads me beside quiet streams.  
He restores my ailing strength and helps me to do what honors him.

**Ant.**

If I walk through the valley of death, I will not be afraid –  
he is close beside me, guarding and guiding my way!

**Ant.**

His goodness and unfailing kindness will be with me all of my days –  
and afterwards I will live forever – with him in his heaven above.

**Ant.**

**GOD IS LOVE** (1 John 4, 16 and 3, 16)

**Ant:**

God is love, and we who live in love, live in God and God in us. (2 x)

We know what real love is from Christ's example in dying for us –  
and so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

**Ant.**

**I LOVE YOU**

**Ant:** You know that I love you – you know that I care –  
you know that I want you for my own.

Before the world began, I sang your name – and every day since then  
it echoes just the same - in my heart.

**Ant.**

When you were a baby born, I breathed in you my life –  
I spirited your world and poured out all my love into your heart.

**Ant.**

As the waters poured you, I bathed you in my love.  
I gave you my life to live in newness every day – every day.

**Ant.**

In my body I've given you all that I am and have –  
I call you to do the same as you journey with all men in my love.

**Ant.**

**JESUS, THE LORD**

**Ant:** In your midst stands one you don't know –  
His name is Jesus, the Lord.

He is there in the one that you reject –  
the one you keep outside of your heart.  
He is there in all that you meet:  
the old, the young, the lost or afraid – his name is Jesus, the Lord.

**Ant.**

He is there in the prostitute and drunk.  
It is his body that lies drugged beside the road.  
He seeks you love from a sick-bed or a jail cell –  
he needs your heart to make his body whole – Jesus, the Lord.

**Ant.**

He is there in the 'neighbor hard to live with' –  
in the one who can laugh or smile no more.  
He's the one that binds you all together –  
in him you're called to build a life as one – in Jesus, the Lord. **Ant.**

He is the Eucharist you share –  
longing to be the one with you in love.  
Eat the Bread and drink from the Cup – then gift him to all  
as you journey through the day with Jesus – the Lord. **Ant.**

### **OFFERING**

(sung) Take me, Lord, with all that I am – take me, Lord, with all that I do.  
Take me, Lord, that I may be one in love with you.

(spoken) Lord, it's all yours: my soul, my body, my gifts, my hopes, my dreams.  
And, yes, Lord, even my fears and tears. Take those that I love: my family, my friends  
and all those you've given to me. These are the wheat that form the bread we offer –  
these are the grapes that form the wine we share - consecrate us, Lord, make us into you.

(sung) Take my heart, it's yours alone. Take my life with all that I own.  
Take me, Lord, that I may be one in love with you.

### **THE LOVE OF CHRIST** (based on Eph 2,21)

**Ant:** The Lord is my strength and my song –  
In him alone I find salvation.

He brings me life that never ends – happiness that's true.  
He calls me to share his love – that's why I come to you. **Ant.**

He brings me hope in darkest hours – a small ray of light.  
He calls me to spread that warmth into another's night. **Ant.**

He brings me him when I'm alone – wounded and in fear.  
He speaks my name and gently says: "Sharon, I'm right here". **Ant.**

He brings me peace the world knows not – healing all my pain.  
He calls me to spread that gift – until we're home again. **Ant.**

## **PRESENCE**

I hear a knocking at my door. I hear a knocking at my door.  
Lord, who's that knocking at my door?

I hear a crying in the night. I hear a crying in the night.  
Lord, who's that crying in the night?

I hear a beating in the wind. I hear a beating in the wind.  
Lord, what's that beating in the wind?

I hear a voice in my heart. I hear a voice in my heart.  
Lord, what's that voice in my heart?

Lord, you're the knocking at my door. Lord, you're the crying in the night.  
Lord, that's your voice in my heart!

## **YAHWEH – BY MY SIDE**

**Ant:** Yahweh, you are here by my side to help and guide my way.

Yahweh, you are near, close to me,  
giving you to me each day.

My fears and loneliness will one day have an end –  
with you beside me, Lord, I need not pretend  
to be brave ... to be free... to just be.

**Ant.**

You who are limitless, fathomless, beyond time –  
come to me when I've got a cluttered mind  
to bring peace... to bring joy... to bring hope.

**Ant.**

You've called me out of nothingness to live for you alone –  
may eternity be your gift to me, when I'm fully grown  
into love... into light... into you.

**Ant.**

## **EPHESIANS 3, 17-19**

My prayer for you my friends is this:

that our God, who is love, will strengthen you –  
and that his Son, Jesus Christ,  
will be more and more at home within your hearts.

May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvellous love –  
that you may know how long, how wide, how deep and how high God's love for you really is!