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 as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.[d]

14 For if you forgive others their trespasses,
 your heavenly Father will also forgive you,
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He leads me beside still waters.[a]

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

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death,[c]
I will fear no evil,
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