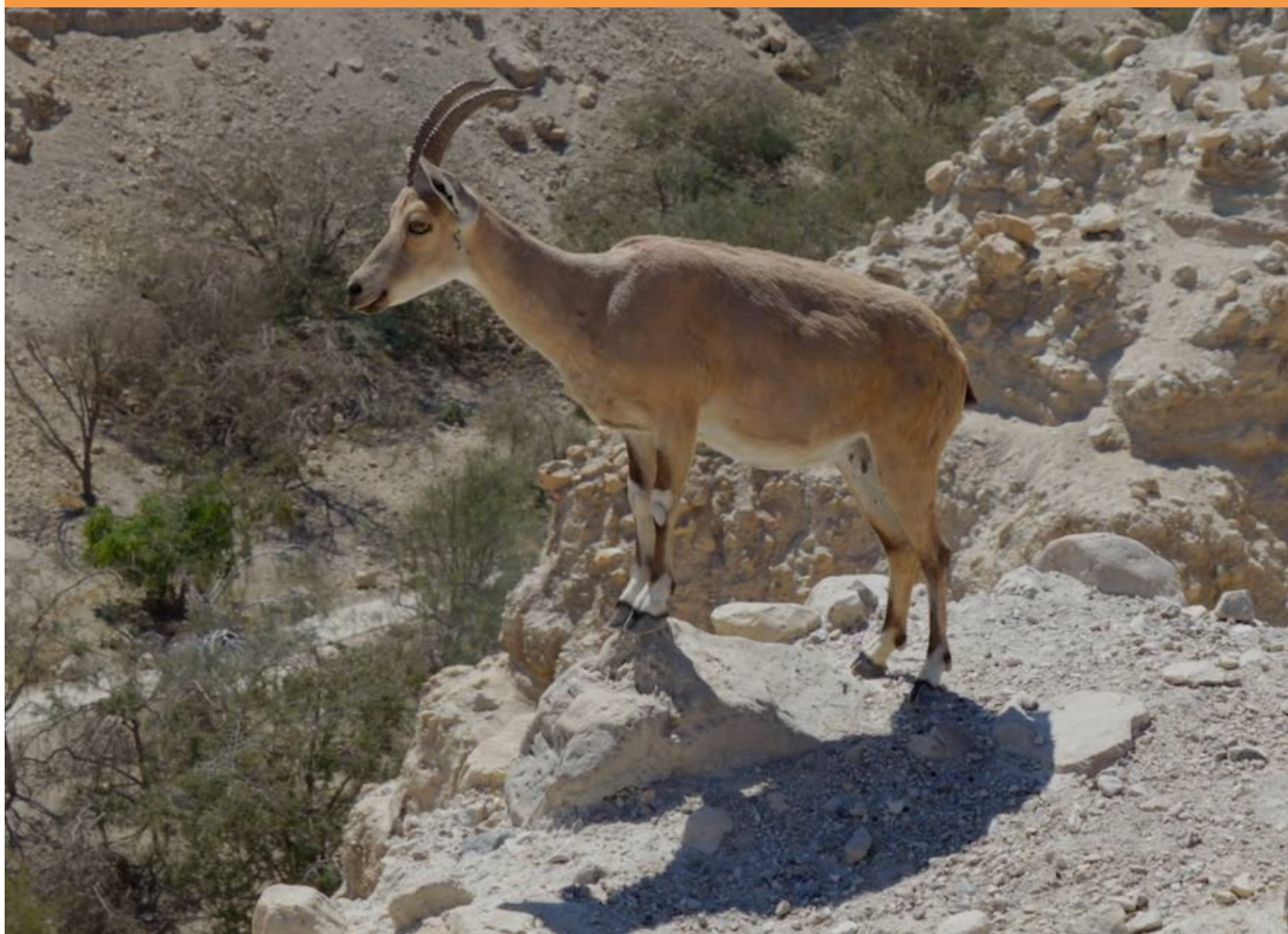


The LORD is my shepherd,  
I lack nothing.  
He takes me to lush pastures,  
he leads me to refreshing water.  
He restores my strength.  
He leads me down the right paths  
for the sake of his reputation.

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.  
You prepare a feast before me  
in plain sight of my enemies.

You refresh my head with oil;  
my cup is completely full.  
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.

Psalm 23



# PRAYER

in time of coronavirus ([www.tarsus.ie](http://www.tarsus.ie))

**God of healing**, we pray especially for all who sustain us in the days: for hospital chaplains, for medical professionals, for staff in our shops, for those who keep our streets and places of work clean, for our political leaders. We are in this together and together we entrust all these people to your special blessing.

**God of hope**, in these days fear has gripped us all and we are afraid of what might happen to us and to those we love.

Pour into our hearts your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to give us the strength and calm we need to live through this terrible time.

**God of love**, we know that nothing matters more than the people in our lives. We have your blessing on those we love.

Give us your compassion, your patient love, that we may reach out to all who need our help, especially the vulnerable.

**God of faith**, we renew our faith in you, our loving Father. Let us feel again in our lives the promise of your Son to be with us always to the end of the age.

Show us how to live through this epidemic as people of faith. May this time of testing be a time of grace.