

## "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

## JOHN 10

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### **Prayer and Action Steps**

*Dear Father in heaven, thank You for sending the Lord Jesus, Your one-of-a-kind Son, to become the door and entry into Your fold and family. Thank You that He laid down His life for His sheep. Thank You that no one can ever get to us to take us from His fold and your family. Amen*