

An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)

Preparation

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow. .

Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Psalms

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?

3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not;
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?'
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

7 You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

8 In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Reflection

Silence

Time for personal prayer after the silence

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

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For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Collect

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,
and may your blessing be always upon us;
Amen.

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

**The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to
us; the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace. Amen.**