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“Prayer at the Close of Day” is a version of the historic order of service called Compline. It is the final service of the day before one retires for the night. This is a time for prayer and meditation. The believer finds peace in God’s forgiveness and security under the shadow of his wings. The order of service has been modified for home and personal use.

Leader: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Group: Amen.

L: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

G: To sing praise to your name, O Most High;

L: To herald your love in the morning,

G: Your truth at the close of day.

L: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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EVENING HYMN — *Christian Worship 593*

This familiar bedtime hymn may also be spoken as a prayer.

**1 Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while I pray,
Asking you to watch and keep And to send me quiet sleep.**

**2 Jesus, Savior, wash away All that I’ve done wrong today.
Make me ever more like you, Good and gentle, kind and true.**

**3 Let my near and dear ones be Safe with you eternally.
Oh, bring me and all I love To your happy home above.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**G: we have sinned against you in our thoughts,
in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

L: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,
and in him we are forgiven.
Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun
when we shall serve him in newness of life.

G: Amen.

PSALM — Psalm 91

This is a version of Psalm 91 intended for singing, but for home use will be most easily read.. Any psalm may be read here. We may find comfort in familiar psalms like Psalm 23,46, or 139. Other psalms that may fit our use for an evening devotion are 4, 25, 55, 56, 90, 103, 121

Refrain Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.

He who dwells in the shelter of the / Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Al- / mighty.
I will say / of the LORD,
“He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in / whom I trust.”

Surely he will save you from the / fowler’s snare
and from the deadly / pestilence.
He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find / refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and / rampart.

Refrain

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that / flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at / midday.
A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at / your right hand,
but it will not come / near you.

Refrain

If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the LORD, who is my / refuge—
then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come / near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in / all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot
a- / gainst a stone.

Silence for meditation

L: Lord God, our refuge and fortress, your faithfulness has protected us through this day.
Now send your holy angels to guard us from danger through this night. Give us peaceful
rest, free from fear, that we may wake refreshed to serve you, through Jesus Christ, your
Son, our Lord.

G: Amen.

BIBLE LESSON *Check online for Bible reference or use own devotion*

WATCH ONLINE DEVOTION

PRAYER

L: Hear my prayer, O Lord.

G: Listen to my cry.

L: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

G: Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

L: In righteousness I shall see you.

G: When I awake, your presence will give me joy.

L: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for your love's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

L: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

G: Amen.

