

An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)

Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

All Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All who made heaven and earth.

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

The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used

All 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.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

All 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. Alleluia.

The Word of God

One or more of the following psalms may be used.

Psalm 4

- 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.

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
 he leads me beside still waters;
- 3 he restores my soul.
 He leads me in right paths
 for his name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
 I fear no evil;
for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Psalm 31

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame: *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

Psalm 91

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I put my trust.'
- 3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his wings
and you shall be safe under his feathers;
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.

7 Though a thousand fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand,
yet it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes have only to behold
to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge
and the Most High your stronghold,

10 There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your tent.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

12 They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

14 Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know my name.

15 They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy them
and show them my salvation.

Psalm 104:1

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

21 The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.

22 When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.

23 People go out to their work
and to their labor until the evening.

24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

26 There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

27 These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;

28 when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—

32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Psalm 134

- 1 Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
 you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.
- 2 Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary
 and bless the Lord.
- 3 The Lord who made heaven and earth
 give you blessing out of Zion.

At the end of the psalmody, the following is said or sung

**All 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

One of the following short lessons or another suitable passage is read

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God.

Jeremiah 14.9

(or)

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour. Resist him, strong in the faith.

1 Peter 5.8, 9

(or)

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22.4, 5

(or)

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

(or)

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

The following responsory may be said

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

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

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

All I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

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

Gospel Canticle

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung

Refrain:

**All Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia
as he promised to you. Alleluia, alleluia.**

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

2 My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

3 A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

**All 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.**

**All Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,
as he promised to you. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

The Collect

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God,
by triumphing over the powers of darkness
Christ has prepared a place for us in the new Jerusalem:
may we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection,
praise him in the eternal city
of which he is the light;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
All for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
All for the night is at hand and the day is now past.
As the night watch looks for the morning,
All so do we look for you, O Christ.

The Blessing

May the risen Lord Jesus bless us.
May he watch over us and renew us
as he renews the whole of creation.
May our hearts and lives echo his love.
All Amen.



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