

Night Prayer in Ordinary Time

A liturgy to be used at home



*This resource has been prepared using A4 size pages.
When printing, we suggest choosing the booklet option on your printer driver
to produce an 8 x A5 page booklet.*

You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.

Preparation

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

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

A period of silence follows, for reflection on the past day.

**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 sin,
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.**

The following hymn may be said.

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.

Psalmody

From Psalm 104

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 2 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;
you make the cloud your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 3 You make the winds your messengers
and flames of fire your servants.
- 4 You send the springs into the valleys;
they flow between the mountains.
- 5 All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them,
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 6 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests
and sing among the branches.
- 7 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high,
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.
- 8 You make grass to grow for flocks and herds
and plants to serve us all.
- 9 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.
- 10 All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
- 11 You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 12 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

**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

Thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved: in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. *Isaiah 30.15*

The following responsory may be said

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.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Gospel Canticle

The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) is said.

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

- 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

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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and guard us while sleeping,
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Prayers

Prayer about the COVID-19 pandemic

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

For those who are ill

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The 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;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

At the ending of the day,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as 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.**

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 to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.
Amen.