

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.

Words of penitence:

*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.*

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.

Psalm 100

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

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

1 Peter 3:8 to 18

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse, but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing.

¹⁰ For

“Those who desire to love life
and to see good days,
let them keep their tongues from evil
and their lips from speaking deceit;

¹¹ let them turn away from evil and do good;
let them seek peace and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed.

Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect.

Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

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.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

All: Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

All: 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.

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

Prayers: *Intercessions and thanksgivings.*

Prayer for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence

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.

All: Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All: 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;

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 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.

All: Amen.