

An order for Night Prayer (Compline)

Advent Season



Common Worship

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 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.**

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.

The Word of God - Psalm 143

1. Hear my prayer, O Lord;
Give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness
Answer me in your righteousness
2. **Do not enter into judgement with your servant
For no one living is righteous before you**

3. For the enemy has pursued me,
Crushing my life to the ground
Making me sit in darkness like those long dead.
- 4. Therefore my spirit faints within me**
My heart within me is appalled
5. I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds
I meditate on the works of your hands
- 6. I stretch out my hands to you**
My soul thirsts for you like a parched land
7. Answer me quickly, O Lord, my spirit fails
Do not hide your face from me,
Or I shall go down to the pit
- 8. Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning**
For in you, I put my trust.
Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul
9. Save me, O Lord, from my enemies;
I have fled to you for refuge
- 10. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God**
Let your good spirit lead me, on a level path.
11. For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life.
In your righteousness bring me out of trouble
- 12. In your steadfast love cut off my enemies**
And destroy all my adversaries, for I am your servant
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.

Keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

Mark 13.35-end

REFLECTION

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.

**Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace
That we may rejoice before you with a perfect heart.**

- 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

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as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

The Collect

Stir up your power, O God,
And come among us.
Heal our wounds,
Calm our fears
And give us peace;
Through Jesus our redeemer.

Amen.

Awaiting his coming in glory,
As our saviour taught us, so we pray

Our Father in heaven ...

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.

Restore us again, O God of hosts;
Show us the light of your countenance
And we shall be saved
Bless and keep us, this night and always.
Amen.