

NIGHT PRAYER

We begin with a time of quiet, emptying out all the tensions and concerns of the past day and shifting the focus of our attention back to God.



**In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Opening sentences

**My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Out of the depths I have cried to You.

O Lord, hear my voice.

With my whole heart I want to praise You.

O Lord, hear my voice.

If you, Lord, should mark iniquities:

Who could stand? Who could stand?

I will wait for the Lord. My soul waits, and in His word do I hope.

Expressions of faith

Lord, You have always given bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor, tonight I believe.

**Lord, You have always given strength for the coming day; and
though I am weak, tonight I believe.**

Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart, tonight I believe.

**Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials;
and now, tried as I am, tonight I believe.**

Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming day;
and though it may be hidden, tonight I believe.

**Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here, tonight I believe.**

Lord, You have always spoken when time was ripe;
and though you be silent now, tonight I believe.

Having affirmed our belief in God, we entrust our prayers to Him.

Canticle

In the shadow of Your wings I will sing Your praises, O Lord.

The Lord is my light, my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the refuge of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

In the shadow of Your wings I will sing Your praises, O Lord..

One thing I ask of the Lord, one thing I seek;
to dwell in the presence of my God, to gaze on Your holy place.

In the shadow of Your wings I will sing Your praises, O Lord.

I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
O wait for the Lord! Have courage and wait, wait for the Lord.

In the shadow of Your wings I will sing Your praises, O Lord.

Blessing

I will lie down this night with God,
and God will lie down with me;
I will lie down this night with Christ,
and Christ will lie down with me;
I will lie down this night with the Spirit,
and the Spirit will lie down with me;
God and Christ and the Spirit,
be lying down with me.

The peace of all peace be mine yours and mine this night
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.