

An Order for Night Prayer (Compline) - led  
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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.*

*The following or other suitable words of  
penitence may be used*

Most merciful God, we confess to you, be-  
fore 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.**

**Alleluia.**

The following or another suitable hymn  
may be said or sung

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world we pray,  
That with thy wonted favour thou  
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes  
From nightly fears and fantasies;  
Tread underfoot our ghostly foe,  
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;  
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,  
Doth live and reign eternally.

The Word of God  
Psalmody - 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 trou-  
ble; 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 91

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the  
Most High ♦  
**and abides under the shadow of the Al-  
mighty,**

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 noon-day.**

**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 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.**

**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 - Luke 4:38-44 read by Irene Poole

**38 Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. 39 So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.**

**40 At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. 41 Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.**

**42 At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. 43 But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." 44 And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.**

#### Gospel -

#### Reflection

**The following responsory may be said  
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.  
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**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.

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

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

### Gospel Cantic

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

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; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen. 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 led by Fr. Rodney

Lord God, you are great. You are glorious. You are wonderful – and you know and love each one of us far more than we can possibly imagine. Today, we come before you, humbly offering our prayers for ourselves and for the many men, women and children who are in need at this present time.  
Lord, hear us...[Lord, graciously hear us](#)

We pray for your church around the world as we work to lead fragile humanity to live with greater love and compassion. May the inspiration of the Holy Spirit help us to act with insight and tenderness, making our

planet a loving, beautiful and secure home for all peoples.  
Lord, hear us...[Lord, graciously hear us](#)

We pray for world leaders as they try to find a just solution to the crisis in Afghanistan. May they ease the suffering and anxiety of the many people who are afraid for their lives and their futures.  
Lord, hear us...[Lord, graciously hear us](#)

We pray for the people of Haiti as they struggle to come to terms with the aftermath of the recent earthquake. May they find the support and the courage that they need to rebuild their lives.  
Lord, hear us...[Lord, graciously hear us](#)

We pray for all frontline workers who bring care to people who are elderly, sick or vulnerable in any way. May they experience hope and appreciation in their efforts to give dignity and support to others.  
Lord, hear us...[Lord, graciously hear us](#)

We pray for families during this holiday season. May they be safe and filled with happiness in their time together.  
Lord, hear us...[Lord, graciously hear us](#)

We pray for all students and their teachers as they look towards the next academic year. May it be a time of sharing and growth towards a hope-filled future.  
Lord, hear us...[Lord, graciously hear us](#)

Let us pray for all who have died...those recently departed: Sheila Sheath

### We pray for those whose anniversary of death occurs this month:

Harry Sidebottom, Gladys Bridgland, Jamie Hiscock, Carolyn Horner, Pat Hodges, Ivy Fawcett, Michael Kilby, Iris Weeks, Peggy Richardson, Geoffrey Pynegar, Michael Wright, George Maskell, Olive Boulton, Michael Brown, Richard Thampson, James Little.

Loving God, we know that you are with us at every moment of every day. Give us the courage and strength that we need to come closer to each other and to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the king and centre of our hearts.  
Lord, hear us...[Lord, graciously hear us](#)

We pause to express, in the silence of our hearts, our personal intentions – that God may receive with a special kindness our unspoken concerns...  
Lord hear us.. **Lord, graciously hear us**

Lord of life and love, be with us. Stay with us. Guide us towards you and each other.  
**Amen**

#### For people of our nation

Lord Jesus Christ, in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you. In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster. Do it again, we pray. Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders, Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers. Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve. Lord Jesus Christ, in these challenging and fearful days, turn your face towards us, have mercy upon us, and heal our land, we pray. **Amen.**

We keep a moment of silence.....

#### The Collect

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

*Silence may be kept.*

Visit our homes, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from them all 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

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, the power and the glory, for ever and 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.**  
Come with the dawning of the day  
**And make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.**

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. **Amen.**