

An Order for Night Prayer (Compline) - led by Piers Crowther

The responder on behalf of all is Irene Poole

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, 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.

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

Psalms - 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 trouble; 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 Almighty,

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 9:1-6 read by Mary Tanner

Jesus summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God

and to heal the sick.

He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey,

neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money,

and let no one take a second tunic.

Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there.

And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town,

shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them."

Then they set out and went from village to village

proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

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 Canticle

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 Robin Crowther

Lord God, you are the light of the world. We follow you knowing you provide us with the light of life. Hear our prayers we bring before you.

Lord, in your mercy [Hear our prayer](#)

Let us pray for Pope Francis as he reminds us, we must learn to see the glory of the Cross by living it, looking on the crucified Jesus, and opening our hearts to him.

Lord, in your mercy [Hear our prayer](#)

Let us pray for Governments, organisations, and communities as they prepare to introduce plans for tackling Covid this winter. We pray that such measures will keep case numbers down and hospital admissions low.

Lord, in your mercy [Hear our prayer](#)

We pray for international donors to restart aid to Afghanistan as the United Nations warn of a "looming catastrophe".

Lord, in your mercy [Hear our prayer](#)

As price rises see a record jump in food costs we pray for all those in the UK that are hungry, unable to put food on their table, and living in poverty. Let us remember them this winter and do all we can to support those in our local community that need our help.

Lord, in your mercy [Hear our prayer](#)

Let us pray for all those embarking on a change in life, be that a new career, house move, relationship status or a new hobby. Helps us to be open to change, to learn new skills and work on our own inner self to utilise the gifts God granted us.

Lord, in your mercy [Hear our prayer](#)

Let us pray for all those who are forced to abandon their homes and everything they hold dear in their search for security and freedom. May they rediscover laughter despite their tears and homesickness.

Lord, in your mercy [Hear our prayer](#)

Let us pray for our country as we search for ways to provide for the needs of the most vulnerable members of society. May decisions be guided by wisdom and a genuine desire to work for the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

Lord, in your mercy [Hear our prayer](#)

Let us pray for families, teachers and students at the start of the new academic year. May the new beginnings encourage warm friendships, greater confidence, happiness and generosity.

Lord, in your mercy [Hear our prayer](#)

Let us pray for those that are unwell and living with chronic pain. May the Holy Spirit infuse them with love, comfort and hope for better days ahead.

Lord, in your mercy [Hear our prayer](#)

Heavenly King, we are your servants. We praise and glorify you. Guide us to live happy, healthy lives.

Lord, in your mercy [Hear our prayer](#)

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

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

Harry Sidebottom, Gladys Brigand, 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.

Lord, in your mercy [Hear our prayer](#)

Loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, watch over, protect and bless us as we try to come ever closer to you and to 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

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, 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](#).