

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 11:1-4 read by Geraldine Nurney

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name,
your Kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread
and forgive us our sins
for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us,
and do not subject us to the final test."

Reflection

The following responsory may be said
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.**

**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 Piers Crowther

Lord God, Jesus calls us to be as simple and uncomplicated as children. We can come to you as we are, with our ups and downs, joys and sorrows, successes, and failures, knowing that you love us unconditionally. We bring you our prayers, spoken and unspoken, for ourselves and for all your children, confident that you will hear us.

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

We pray for your church throughout the world as it reaches out in love and reverence to our world and its peoples. May the church's words and actions inspire many people to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.

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

We pray for all who seek and work for the unity of the Church throughout the world. May God bless and guide them in their work and may the Holy Spirit give them a right judgement in all things

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

We pray for governments and decision makers whose responsibilities affect our

lives. May they take time to reflect, to evaluate their choices and to act with wisdom, insight, and compassion.

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

We pray for the people of La Palma as the volcanic eruption destroys their homes and livelihoods. May they, and all those who are caught up in natural disasters, find the courage and help that they need to rebuild their lives.

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

We pray for all who are returning to the workplace following the pandemic. May their experiences help them to create an environment of care and encouragement for themselves and all those with and for whom they work.

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

We pray for children for whom life is hard and love is difficult to find. May they meet someone who will give them the care and support that they need.

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

We pray for children whose joy and enthusiasm brings hope and meaning to the world around them. May love and laughter fill their days and encourage others to laugh with them.

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](#)

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

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

Michelle Berge, Mary Howarth, Raymond John Denney, John Velvick, Tim Morton, Janusz Kent, Janina Misayat, Christopher Denne, Pat Bassant, Philip Sheldon, Arthur Horner, Patricia Travers, Janet Attwood, Alan Collins, Dorothy Heady

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

Loving God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, help us to celebrate your love in our lives. Touch our hopes and dreams with your grace so that they bring us closer to you and to each other.

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

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 and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. [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.](#)