

**28th. August 2024**

**An Order for Night Prayer**

**The feast of Saint Augustine of Hippo**

**The service is led by  
The Responder on behalf  
of all is**

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  
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 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 pes-  
tilence.

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 noonday.

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 ref-  
uge ♦  
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, be-  
cause 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.**

Reading – Matthew 20:1-16

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. And you say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.’ So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Go ahead, then, and complete what your ancestors started!”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**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 ful-  
filled.

2 My own eyes have  
seen the salvation ♦  
which you have prepared  
in the sight of every peo-  
ple;

3 A light to reveal you  
to the nations ♦ and the  
glory of your people Is-  
rael.

Luke 2.29-32

Glory to the Father and to  
the Son and to the Holy  
Spirit; as it was in the be-  
ginning 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, we pray for the  
flourishing of God's gifts  
to his Church.

Lord in your mercy, Hear  
our Prayer

Lord God, we pray for peace in the world. We pray for a time when the weapons of war will be replaced by your protection; when oppression will be overcome by justice; when lies and deceit will be replaced by truth and integrity; and when hatred and cruelty will be replaced with your Spirit of love and justice. We pray for the innocent victims of the wars between Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine and in Sudan and Yemen.

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

God our Father, you give us gifts that we may work together in the service of your Son: bless the leaders of your Church, that they may be firm in faith, and humble before you. We pray for our Bishops Justin and Rose, for Fr. Rodney and for those clergy who have been celebrating with us during his sabbatical.

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

Lord God, we pray for all those involved in elections throughout the world this year. We pray at this time particularly for those involved in the US Presidential Election. May candidates seek to take office honestly, in humility and in pursuit of a just, generous and compassionate society. May all elections take place in peace.

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

Lord God, bless those who minister healing, that they may bring wholeness to others, yet know your healing in themselves. We remember particularly today Rebecca McQuillan and we also pray for Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, David Winstone, Jan Edwards, Jill Fitzpatrick, John Tanner, Hilary Deller, Brian Elliott, Les Dickson, Irene Bow, Hannah, Chloe, Emma, Georgie Whitaker, Andrew Eaton, Mickey Mandell and all who suffer in body mind or spirit.

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

Merciful God, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. We remember the recently departed:

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

We pray also for those whose years' mind occurs this month: Carol Ann Larkin, Gillian Catherine Robinson, Olivia Mason, Cecil Bishop, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Douglas Stanley Nurney, Eric John Warren, Gordon Garwood-Warren, Christopher Golding, William Livermore, Eunice Botha, Gwendolen Joan Clarkson, Gerald Abbey, Philip Frederick Skeet, Betty Wyllie.

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

We take a moment for our own personal prayers...

Faithful God, we have shared with you our petitions, requests and thanksgiving, so we now ask for the blessing of your presence. We pray that you will guide us, guard us and keep us safe in all we do and say. [Amen.](#)

Collect: Merciful Lord, who turned Augustine from his sins to be a faithful bishop and teacher: grant that we may follow him in penitence and discipline till our restless hearts find their rest in you; 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](#)

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness,  
light;  
where there is sadness,  
joy.

O divine Master, grant  
that I may not so much  
seek  
to be consoled as to con-  
sole,  
to be understood as to un-  
derstand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we  
receive,  
it is in pardoning that we  
are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we  
are born to eternal life.  
**Amen.**

#### St. Augustine's Prayer

Watch, O Lord, with those  
who wake, or watch, or  
weep tonight, and give  
Your Angels and Saints  
charge over those who  
sleep. Tend Your sick  
ones, O Lord Christ. Rest  
Your weary ones. Bless  
Your dying ones. Soothe  
Your suffering ones. Pity  
Your afflicted ones.  
Shield Your joyous ones.  
And all for Your love's  
sake. **Amen**

For peoples of all nations

Lord Jesus Christ, in  
these dark and difficult  
days, we turn our hearts  
to you. In ages past, you  
have delivered nations  
from disaster. Do it again,  
we pray. Give wisdom be-  
yond human wisdom to  
the leaders, Give strength  
beyond human strength  
to all the frontline work-  
ers. Give comfort beyond  
human comfort to the el-  
derly 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 lands, we pray.  
**Amen.**

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.**