

Compline – the Night Office of Prayer

Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

All **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

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.

Hymn – *Te Ante Lucis Terminum*



**Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.**

**From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.**

**O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death. Amen.**

Scripture

From Psalm 104

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul : O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

2 You lay the beams of your dwelling place in the waters above : You make the clouds your chariot, and ride on the wings of the wind.

3 You make the winds your messengers :and flames of fire your servants.

4 You send the springs into the brooks : which run among the hills.

5 They give drink to every beast of the field : and the wild asses quench their thirst.

6 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests : and sing among the branches.

7 You water the hills from your dwelling on high : the earth is filled with the fruit of your works.

8 You make grass to grow for the cattle : and plants to meet our needs,

9 There is the sea, spread far and wide : and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

10 All of these look to you : to give them their food in due season.

11 When you give it them, they gather it : you open your hand and they are filled with good.

12 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever : may the Lord rejoice in his works;

**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.**

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light; and they will reign for ever and ever.
(The Revelation of St John)

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.

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

Gospel Canticle



Save us, O Lord, while waking,
 and guard us while sleeping,
 that awake we may watch with Christ
 and asleep we 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 sal-*va*-tion :
 which you have prepared in the sight of *ev'*-ry people;

3 A light to reveal you to the *na*-tions :
 and the glory of your *peo*-ple *Is-ra*_el.

**Glory to the Father and to the *Son*
and to the *Ho-ly* Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is *now*
and shall be for *e-ver*. Amen.**

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

Prayers

Almighty God, by triumphing over the powers of darkness
Christ has prepared a place for us in the new Jerusalem;
may we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection,
come to praise him in the eternal City of which he is the light;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*Time for spoken or silent prayer follows, concluding with The
Lord's Prayer.*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for 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.