

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night.

*So that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in you; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen*

**Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.**

### 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Closing Prayers

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

**Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people; a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.**

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit bless us and keep us.  
*Amen.*

# Compline

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## Evening Prayer



### Greeting

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.  
*Amen.*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
*To sing praise to your name O Most High*  
To herald your love in the morning  
*Your truth at the close of the day.*

### Evening Hymns

YOU MAY CHOOSE ONE

#### *All Praise to Thee*

All Praise to thee  
my God this night,  
For all the blessings  
of the light.  
Keep me, oh, keep me,  
King of Kings,  
Beneath thine own  
almighty wings.

Praise God from whom  
all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures  
here below;  
Praise Him above ye  
heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son  
and Holy Ghost.

#### *Abide with Me*

Abide with me!  
Fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens;  
Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers  
fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless,  
oh, abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross  
before my closing eyes,  
Shine through the gloom,  
and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks,  
and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death,  
O Lord, abide with me!

### *Now the Day is Over*

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Now the day is over,  
Night is drawing nigh;  
Shadows of the evening  
Steal across the sky.

Jesus, give the weary  
Calm and sweet repose;  
With Thy tend'rest blessing  
May mine eyelids close.

## Confession

Holy and Gracious God,

**I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

## Evening Psalm

CHOOSE A PSALM: SUGGESTED **4, 33, 34, 91, 134, 136**

\_\_\_\_ OR HERE IS A COMPILATION \_\_\_\_

- <sup>136:1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!  
*His faithful love endures forever.*
- <sup>33:1</sup> Let the godly sing for joy to the Lord;  
*it is fitting for the pure to praise him.*
- <sup>4:4</sup> When you are disturbed, do not sin;  
*ponder it on your beds, and be silent.*
- <sup>134:2</sup> Lift your hands toward the sanctuary,  
*and praise the Lord.*
- <sup>91:1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
*who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,*
- <sup>91:2</sup> will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress;  
*my God, in whom I trust.”*
- <sup>91:3</sup> For he will rescue you from every trap  
*and protect you from deadly disease.*
- <sup>91:4</sup> He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge.  
*His faithful promises are your armor and protection.*
- <sup>91:5</sup> Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night,  
*nor the arrow that flies in the day.*
- <sup>34:4</sup> I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me.  
*He freed me from all my fears.*
- <sup>33:18</sup> The Lord watches over those who fear him,  
*those who rely on his unfailing love.*
- <sup>4:1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God of my right!...  
*Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.*
- <sup>4:7</sup> You have given me greater joy  
*than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine.*
- <sup>4:8</sup> In peace I will lie down and sleep,  
*for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe.*

## Words of Comfort

EACH ONE MAY CHOOSE ONE

You are in our midst, O Lord, and you have named us as yours. Do not forsake us, O Lord our God.

*Matthew 11:28* Jesus said, “Come to me, all that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*Romans 8:38* For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*John 14:27* Jesus said, “Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace, such as the world cannot give. Set your troubled hearts at rest, and banish your fears.”

*1 Peter 5:6-9* Humble yourselves under God’s mighty hand and he will lift you up in due time. Cast all your cares on him, for you are his charge. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.

## Responsive Prayers

Into your hands O Lord, I commend my spirit.

*Into your hands, I commend my spirit.*

You have redeemed me O Lord God of Truth,

*Into your hands I commend my spirit.*

Glory be to the Father, and

to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*Into your hands I commend my spirit.*

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

*Listen to my cry.*

Keep me as the apple of your eye;

*Hide me in the shadow of your wings.*

In righteousness I shall see you;

*When I awake, your presence will give me joy.*