

An Order for Compline

Preparation

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.

We keep a moment of silence to reflect on the day.

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.

We pray together

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.**

The Word of God

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.**

**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.**

Bible Reading: you can choose your own or:

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14.9*

Take a moment to reflect on the bible verse(s)

Prayer

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

Now, Lord, 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 every people;**

**A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**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.**

Prayer

*Is there someone or something you'd like to pray for?
If you like, you can say your own prayer at this point.
Or simply say the name of a person and pray in your head.*

The Collect

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from it 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.**

We say the 'Our Father' together

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.

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.