

Order for Baptist Ministry - Prayer at Day's Ending

****Becoming present to God***

Loving God, From the moment of waking,
through the varied contours of this day,
you have been a constant presence.
Now, as the day draws to its close, and evening/night settles,
we quieten our minds and still our hearts.
You are with us here and now and in your presence we rest.

****Pause***

Under your loving gaze, O Christ, we reflect on the day that is past,
and pray for the light and guidance of your Spirit.

****Examen – Acknowledging our Humanity***

We look back over the last twenty-four hours and reflect on events, encounters, experiences, the feelings these evoked in us and the attitudes that underlie them.

*What am I most grateful for?
What warmed my heart?
What made me more open to others, and to God?*

****Prayers of praise may be offered for the above***

*What am I least grateful for?
What closed me up to others, and to God?
What do I regret?
I express my feelings to God.*

****Prayer for forgiveness may be offered for the above***

Merciful Lord, where we have denied you entry to our lives
and lived this day for ourselves we are sorry and ask for your forgiveness.
Grant to us your pardon and peace.
And in the day to come help us by your Spirit to be attentive to the rhythms of grace
that we might attune our lives to your praise and service.

****Silence***

****Prayer***

We bring to God the concerns of the day and entrust them to his safe-keeping.

We pray for an awareness of the grace we need for the coming day.

****Collect***

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

****Blessing***

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.