

# **An Order for Night Prayer (Compline)**

(For Use during the coronavirus outbreak)

## **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.**

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.*

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

## **Bible Reading**

*You may wish to say the psalm given below, or Psalm 27, or another psalm.*

*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 pestilence.
- 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 refuge  
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, because 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.

**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.**

## Scripture Reading

*One of the following short lessons or another suitable passage is read*

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*

*(or)*

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.

*Matthew 11.28-end*

*(or)*

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God , so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

*1 Peter 5. 6,7*

## Prayers

*These or other intercessions and thanksgivings of your own may be offered here.*

Merciful God, we entrust to your unfailing  
and tender care this night  
those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe.  
Comfort and heal them,  
and restore them to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us  
through the silent hours of this night,  
so that we who are wearied  
by the changes and chances of this fleeting world,  
may rest upon your eternal changelessness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

**Amen**

## **The Collect**

*Silence may be kept.*

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.**

*The Lord's Prayer may be said.*

## **The Conclusion**

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

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 upon us and give us peace.

**Amen.**