



The Parish of Ewhurst  
with Okewood & Forest Green

# Night Prayer

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. The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used.*

**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.**

*The following or another suitable hymn may be sung.*

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 Psalm of the Day is said here*

*Monday Psalm 4  
Tuesday Psalm 143  
Wednesday Psalm 31: 1-5  
Thursday Psalm 16  
Friday Psalm 139: 1-18  
Saturday Psalm 91*

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*

*The following responsory may be said*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

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.**

*The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung*

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

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. *Luke 2.29-32*

**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.**

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

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered  
here.*

**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.**

*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.*

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.**