

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

### *Preparation*

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

**All Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All who made heaven and earth.**

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

### *Words of penitence.*

**All 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.

**All O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**All 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 other 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 Word of God*

***Psalmody***

*Psalm 86*

***Refrain:*** *All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord.*

1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and in misery.

2 Preserve my soul, for I am faithful;  
save your servant, for I put my trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;  
I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ***R***

5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer  
and listen to the voice of my supplication.

7 In the day of my distress I will call upon you,  
for you will answer me. ***R***

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,  
nor any works like yours.

9 All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.

10 For you are great and do wonderful things;  
you alone are God. ***R***

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;  
knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
and glorify your name for evermore;

13 For great is your steadfast love towards me,  
for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave. ***R***

14 O God, the proud rise up against me  
and a ruthless horde seek after my life;  
they have not set you before their eyes.

15But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.

16Turn to me and have mercy upon me;  
give your strength to your servant  
and save the child of your handmaid.

17Show me a token of your favour,  
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;  
because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

**Refrain:** *All nations you have made shall come and worship  
you, O Lord.*

*God of mercy,  
who in your great love  
drew your Son from the depths of the Pit,  
bring your people from death to life,  
that we may rejoice in your compassion  
and praise you now and for ever.*

**All 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**

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters  
shall prophesy. The old shall dream dreams and the young shall  
see visions.  
*Joel 2.28*

### **Gospel Cantic**

***The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) is said.***

**All Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,  
as he promised to you. Alleluia, alleluia.**

1Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: ♦  
your word has been fulfilled.

2My own eyes have seen the salvation ♦  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

3A light to reveal you to the nations ♦  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Luke 2.29-32*

**All** 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.

**All** Alleluia. The Lord is risen, alleluia,  
as he promised to you. Alleluia, alleluia.

### *Prayers*

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.*

### *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.

**All** Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer may be said.*

### *The Conclusion*

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

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**All for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**All so do we look for you, O Christ.**

May the Holy Spirit of God bless and sanctify us  
so that we may be consecrated in the truth.  
**All** Amen.