

## Prayer at the end of the day Compline

### PREPARATION

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the end.

**Amen.**

Be alert, watch out! Your enemy, the devil, roams around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

**Thanks be to God.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of each other.

**We confess to you, almighty God,  
before the whole company of heaven,  
and to each other,  
that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed,  
by our own fault.**

**Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake,  
forgive us all our sins,  
and bring us to eternal life. Amen.**

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins.

**Amen.**

Restore us again, O God our Saviour.

**Do not be angry with us any longer.**

### OPENING SENTENCES

O God, deliver me.

**O Lord, be quick to help me.**

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### PSALM

Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
**and hear my prayer.**

*Psalm 134*

Come, praise the Lord, all his servants,

**all who serve in his temple at night.**

Raise your hands in prayer in the temple,

**and praise the Lord!**

May the Lord, who made heaven and earth,

**bless you from Zion!**

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

HYMN

**Before the ending of the day,**

**Creator of the world, we pray**

**that in your mercy you would bless**

**and guard and keep us with your grace.**

**Defend us from the fears of night.**

**Put haunting dreams and powers to flight.**

**Tread down our enemy, and keep**

**our body safe, while wrapped in sleep.**

**Almighty Father, hear our cry,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord most high.**

**To Father, Son, and Spirit be**

**all praise now and eternally.**

BRIEF READING

*One or more of the following are read.*

You are among us, O Lord, and we bear your name; do not forsake us!

(Jer 14:9 NIV)

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 is light.

(Matt 11:28–30 NRSV)

Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried or upset; do not be afraid.

(John 14:27 TEV)

I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Rom 8:38,39 NIV)

*Silence may following the reading.*

#### RESPONSES

I put myself in your hands, Lord.

**I put myself in your hands.**

You have redeemed me, Lord, faithful God.

**I put myself in your hands.**

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**I put myself in your hands.**

Guard me like your own eye.

**Hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

#### SONG OF SIMEON

Guide us while we are awake, Lord,

**and guard us while we are asleep,**

so that awake we may watch with Christ,

**and asleep we may rest with him 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.**

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*After the Lord's prayer:*

Be gracious, Lord, this night,  
**and keep us free from sin.**

Have mercy on us, Lord;  
**have mercy on us.**

Let your goodness and love be with us,  
**as we put our hope in you.**

Listen to my prayer, Lord,  
**and hear my cry for help.**

*Silent or brief spoken prayer may be said; then one of the following and/or other suitable prayers may be said.*

Let us pray.

Lighten our darkness, O Lord, 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.**

OR

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

OR

Let us pray.

Be with us, 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 on your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

BLESSING

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless and keep us.

**Amen.**