

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

*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.*

**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.**

*A hymn may be sung or said*

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*

*Psalm, may be psalm 23*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦ therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul ♦  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; ♦ for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble  
me; ♦ you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, ♦ and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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.***

***Bible reading: a chapter of the Bible maybe read from  
Luke or John's gospel, the readings of the day, or,***

Thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest  
You shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.  
*Isaiah 30:15*

Or

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you that are weary and 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.'

*Matthew 11: 28-end*

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.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

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

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

***Refrain:* Christ died for us, so that, whether we wake or sleep, we might live with him.**

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

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

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

**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.**

***Refrain:***

**Christ died for us, so that, whether we wake or sleep,  
we might live with him.**

**Prayer**

***Silence may be kept.***

Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
and day is drawing to a close.  
Abide with us and with your whole Church,  
in the evening of the day,  
in the evening of life,  
in the evening of the world;  
abide with us and with all your faithful ones, O Lord,  
in time and in eternity.  
Amen.

***And /or***

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.***

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.***

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.

***All Amen.***

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