

Night Prayer ~ Compline

For Christians, Night Prayer (or Prayer at the Close of Day) is connected with the baptismal rhythm of dying with Christ so that we may rise to walk in newness of life with him each new day. This is the only service of daily prayer that includes confession, since the confession of sin is part of this baptismal pattern.

OPENING SENTENCES

O God, come to our assistance.

Ps. 70:1

O Lord, hasten to help us.

The Lord grant us a restful night and peace at the last.

Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, maker of all things,

have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, redeemer of the world,

have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, giver of life,

have mercy on us.

SCRIPTURE

The servants of the Lamb will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Rev. 22:3–5

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

Ps. 17:8

hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Thanksgivings and intercessions may be offered.

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive from it all snares of the enemy;
let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace;
and let your blessing be upon us always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

REFRAIN

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;

that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep rest in his peace.

DISMISSAL

May Almighty God bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.

Amen.

Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.