

COMPLINE

or PRAYER at the CLOSE OF DAY

For use at home



The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day

Preparation

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 follows for reflection on the past day

Confession

**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.

The Word of God

- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
 and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
 my God, in whom I put my trust.'
- 3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
 and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his wings
 and you shall be safe under his feathers;
 his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
 nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
 nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.
- 7 Though a thousand fall at your side
 and ten thousand at your right hand,
 yet it shall not come near you.
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold
 to see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge
 and the Most High your stronghold,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you,
 neither shall any plague come near your tent.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you,
 to keep you in all your ways.

- 12 They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
- 14 Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know my name.
- 15 They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy them
and show them my salvation.

Reading

*Read and meditate for a few moments
on one of the verses on the separate sheet*

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.

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

- 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.

Luke 2.29-32

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Prayers

Intercessions: *for the world, the Church, the community and the sick*

The Collect: 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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Conclusion

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 to shine upon us
and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace. **Amen.**