

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. The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used

**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 another suitable hymn may be 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

At the end of the psalm, the following is said

**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

The following response may be said

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my
spirit.

**All Into your hands, O Lord, I commend
my spirit.**

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of
truth.

All I commend my spirit.

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

**All Into your hands, O Lord, I commend
my spirit.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

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

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said

**All 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*

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

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.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against
us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

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.

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.