

Order of service for Night Prayer (Compline)

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 for reflection on the past day may follow.

**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.**

**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**

The following may be said or sung;

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.

This or an alternative psalm may be said

Psalm 134

1. Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.
2. Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary and bless the Lord.
3. The Lord who made heaven and earth give you blessing out of Zion.

**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.**

One of the following lessons or another suitable passage is read

You, O Lord are in the midst of us and we are called by your name: leave us not, O Lord our God. Jeremiah 14:9

(or)

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour. Resist him, strong in the faith. 1 Peter

5:8,9

(or)

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. Revelation 22.4,5

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.

Or in Easter

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

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia
Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia

The Nunc Dimittis is said or sung

**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

**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.**

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

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

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. **Amen.**

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