

Night Prayer

Invocation

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips,
that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the God of love.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 134

We your servants bless you, O God,
as we stand by night in your house.
We lift up our hands towards the holy place,
and give you thanks and praise.
Bless us from all places where you dwell,
O God, creator of the heavens and the earth.

Reading

You Lord are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name. Leave us not.

Jeremiah 14:9

Hymn

**Hail, gladdening Light, of God's pure glory poured,
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,
The lights of evening round us shine,
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.**

**Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung,
With undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, Giver of life, alone!
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.**

Prayers

Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.

Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings.

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

Nunc Dimittis

**Praise be to God, I have lived to see this day.
 God's promise is fulfilled, and my duty done.
 At last you have given me peace,
 for I have seen with my own eyes
 the salvation you have prepared for all nations -
 a light to the world in its darkness,
 and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory be God, sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
 as in the beginning, so now, and for ever.
 Amen.**

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

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
 Lord have mercy.

**Eternal Spirit,
 Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
 Source of all that is and that shall be,
 Father and Mother of us all,
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:
 The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
 The way of your justice be followed by the peoples
 of the world!
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
 Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
 sustain our hope and come on earth.
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
 now and for ever. Amen.**
 I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.

Let us bless the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, the Life-giver,
let us praise and exalt God above all for ever.

May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,
glorified and exalted above all for ever.

Lord,
 it is night.
 The night is for stillness.
 Let us be still in the presence of God.
 It is night after a long day.
 What has been done has been done;
 what has not been done has not been done;
 let it be.
 The night is dark.
 Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives
 rest in you.
 The night is quiet.
 Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
 all dear to us,
 and all who have no peace.
 The night heralds the dawn.
 Let us look expectantly to a new day,
 new joys,
 new possibilities.
 In your name we pray.
Amen.

Sentence of the Day

God bless us and keep us,
 God's face shine on us and be gracious to us,
 and give us light and peace.

Final Versicle

The divine Spirit dwells in us.
Thanks be to God

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