

# Night Prayer

## Proclaiming the Light

### Gathering

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
**Who comes to light up our darkness.**

The light of Christ has come into the world.  
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**Light of the world, in grace and beauty,  
Mirror of God's eternal face,  
Transparent flame of love's free duty,  
You bring salvation to our race.  
Now, as we see the lights of night time,  
We raise our voice in praise.  
Worthy are you of endless blessing,  
Sun of our night, lamp of our days.**

### Psalm 100: A Psalm of thanksgiving.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
**Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.  
**It is he that made us, and we are his;  
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
**and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

For the Lord is good;  
**his steadfast love endures for ever,  
and his faithfulness to all generation.**

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We offer to you, Lord, the troubles of this day;  
We lay down our burdens at your feet.  
Forgive us our sins, give us your peace,  
and help us to receive your Word.  
In the name of Christ.  
**Amen.**

**The Word of God: John 14:26-31**

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Giving of Thanks**

We give you thanks, O Lord, that you are always present,  
In all things, each day and each night.  
We give you thanks for your gifts of creation, life and friendship.  
We give you thanks for the blessing of this day...

## **Blessing**

Visit, o Lord, we pray, this place,  
and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy.  
Let your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace,  
And may your blessing be upon us evermore;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Intercessions**

Into your hands, O Lord, we place our families, our neighbours,  
our sisters and brothers in Christ, and all whom are in our thoughts today....  
**Enfold them in your will.**

Into your hands, O Lord,  
We place all who are victims of fear or neglect....  
**May everyone be cherished in your living embrace.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we place all who are  
Restless, sick or prey to the powers of evil...  
**Keep guard over them.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world,  
By your cross you have overcome all darkness that oppresses.  
Come and shine on us here this night,  
That we may grow and live together in your love.  
**Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**