

## 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.*

*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.

Before the ending of the day ...

## The Word of God

## *Psalm 91*

- 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.

## *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.

***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*

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.

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

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

***All* Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

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 or sung*

**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*

## **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.**

[Come with the dawning of the day

**All and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.]**

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.**