



ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Night Prayer from a New Zealand Prayer Book
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The offering of prayer late in the evening, by laity, religious orders or clergy, often called Compline, has sometimes been described as the 'goodnight prayer of the Church'. It rounds off the day and prepares us for a quiet night. As the psalmist wrote: "I lie down in peace and take my rest For it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid."

Night Prayer derives its content from the wisdom of the centuries in Scripture and above all in the psalms, but also from contemporary Christian experience of God. It celebrates the awareness that each of us who tries to pray is a part of the human whole. So we are taken over the threshold from daytime, not in a mood of self-centered spirituality, but as representatives of humanity, acknowledging our creaturehood before God.

INVOCATION

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

PSALM 16:1-3, 7

O God, I give you thanks for the wisdom of your counsel,
even at night you have instructed my heart.

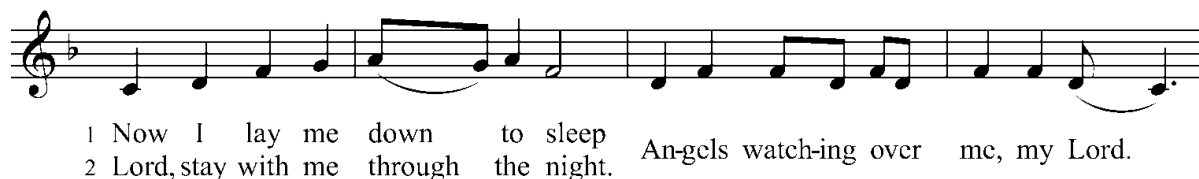
I have set your face always before me,
you are at my right hand and I shall not fall.

Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices,
my flesh also shall rest secure.

READING

Matthew 6: 31-34

Do not ask anxiously, What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What shall we wear? The whole world runs after such things. Set your heart and mind on God's commonwealth and justice first, and all the rest will come to you as well. So do not be anxious about tomorrow. Today has enough problems of its own; tomorrow can look after itself.



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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.

SONG OF SIMEON

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 to 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.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God our Creator, our center, our friend, we thank you for our good life, for those who are dear to us,
for our dead, and for all who have helped and influenced us. We thank you for the measure of
freedom we have, and the extent to which we control our lives; and most of all we thank you for the
faith that is in us, for our awareness of you and our hope in you. Keep us, we pray you, thankful and
hopeful and useful until our lives shall end. **Amen.**

SENTENCE OF THE DAY

O God of love and mercy, grant us, with all your people, rest and peace.

FINAL VERSICLE

The divine Spirit dwells in us.
Thanks be to God.

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