Prayers of Quiet and Trust for the End of the Day: Form 4

From Daily Prayer for All Seasons, Book of Common Prayer,
New Zealand Prayer Book & Celtic Benediction

Opening Poem *Mute all, Reader will unmute to read*

Leader O God,
at the setting of the sun,
we place our trust in you.
As the night draws near,
we give thanks for your presence with us.
Help us entrust our lives to you
with the delight and confidence of one who loves and is beloved.
through Jesus, our faithful Savior. Amen.

Unmute all

The cares of our hearts
We entrust to you, O God.
The needs of your Church
We entrust to you, O God.
The wounds of the world
We entrust to you, O God.
The hopes we carry
We entrust to you, O God.
The deep desire for peace,
We entrust to you, O God.[1]

Mute all

Silence for two minutes

Psalm 139 *Unmute all*

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

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[1] *Daily Prayer for the Season*s, p. 152-153

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

The Reading *Mute all, Reader will unmute to read*

Leader Listen now in the reading of scripture to the Word and wisdom of God.

The Reading

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayers for Others *Congregation remains muted.*

Leader Let us be still for a moment and gather our prayers. (*Short silence)*

And now, God, we bring to you our gratitude for love and beauty and kindness….and we bring our concern for your people and your world….

Those who wish to are invited to speak their petitions so the community may support their prayers. Please unmute yourself to offer your prayer and then mute again when finished.

Leader: Gathering up all our hopes and prayers, let us pray in the words that Jesus taught his friends *(unmute all)*

Together

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on Earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

Leader: O God,
It is your will to hold both heaven and earth
in a single peace.
Let the design of your great love
shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows,
And give peace to your Church,
peace among nations,
peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts.[2]

Let us pray together:

Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who work or watch or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous,
and all for your Love's sake. Amen.[3]

Mute all

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[2] NZPB p. 142

[3] BCP, p. 134

Leader: May the grace of the night's stillness be ours
May the grace of the moon's guidance be ours
May the grace of heaven's vastness be ours
To renew our souls in sleep
To enlighten our dreams in the night
To open our spirits to eternity
Until the angels of light awaken us
Until the morning angels awaken us.[4]

The loving blessing of God,
Creator,
Healer,
and Holy Spirit
be in us and around us
tonight, tomorrow,
and all our nights and days.

All **Amen.**

Postlude *Musician will unmute to play*

Unmute all after music

[4] *Celtic Benediction*, p. 11