

## BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER COMPLINE

*The Officiant begins*

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

**People** **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*The Officiant then says*

O God, make speed to save us.

**People** **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Except in Lent, add* **Alleluia.**

**Psalm 31** *In te, Domine, speravi*

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame: \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; \* make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my  
stronghold; \*

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

*At the end of the Psalm is said by all*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*The officiant then says*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

*or*

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, and great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

*or this*

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.

***People*       Thanks be to God.**

*Then follows*

V.    Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

**R.    For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

V.    Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;

**R.    Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

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

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer;  
*People* **And let our cry come to you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The officiant says one of the following:*

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snare of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*One of the following prayers may be added*

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.**

*or this*

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The service concludes with the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon, which is sung or said by all*

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;**

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:**

**A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*All repeat the Antiphon*

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant concludes*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. ***Amen.***