

Night Prayer

A Simplified Form



Opening

Almighty God, grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
Amen.

By day, O God,
you grant your steadfast love,
and at night your song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy and gracious God,

**I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know
- the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed - but some
is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.
Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven. We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve.

Psalmody

Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my
Prayer.

²"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound

⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

Reading

Musical Offering

Gospel Canticle

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

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

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

Prayer

Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are yours, and to you the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

Now in peace I will lie down and sleep;

you alone, O God, make me secure.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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