

## An Order for Night Prayer

### Preparation

The eternal God is your refuge,  
and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

*After a few suitable words of introduction  
a period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.*

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

### The Word of God

Psalm 91 or a psalm suitable to the ending of the day

#### Psalm 91

##### Assurance of God's Protection

<sup>1</sup>You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

<sup>2</sup>will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence;

<sup>4</sup>he will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night,  
or the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup>or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

<sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup> You will only look with your eyes  
and see the punishment of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling place,  
<sup>10</sup> no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

<sup>14</sup> Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.

<sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honour them.

<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.

**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

*This or other suitable verses:*

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God,  
so that he may exalt you in due time.

Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5.6,7

Into your hands, O Lord,  
I commend my spirit.  
Keep me as the apple of your eye.  
**Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.*

### **The Collect**

Silence may be kept.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Merciful God, we entrust to your unfailing  
and tender care this night those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe.  
Comfort and heal them,  
and restore them to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** may be said.

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

**The Conclusion**

Come visit us, Lord, this night,  
so that by your strength we may rise tomorrow  
to rejoice in the resurrection of Christ your Son,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen**

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

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.

**Amen.**

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