

COMPLINE AN ORDER FOR NIGHT PRAYER

This is the order of Compline used by Mike each week as we pray together live on Facebook. You can use this sheet to follow the service and join with the responses in **bold**. If you are praying on your own you will need a bible to read the psalms and scripture appointed for the day. There may be seasonal differences on the live version of the service.

Before you begin, take some time to still yourself and become aware of the presence of God.

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

(a time of silence is kept)

One: Most merciful God

All: We confess to you,

Before the whole company
of heaven and one another,
That we have sinned in thought, word and deed
And in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit
And raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

O God make speed to save us

O Lord make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

OFFICE HYMN

Before the ending of this day Creator of the world we pray, That you, with steadfast love, would keep Your watch around us while we slepe.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night,
Tread under foot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ your only Son;
And Holy Spirit by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.

THE PSALMODY

The psalm of the day is said slowly and meditatively:

Sunday Psalm 104
Monday Psalm 86
Tuesday Psalm 143
Wednesday Psalm 31
Thursday Psalm 16
Friday Psalm 139

Saturday Psalm 4 & Psalm 134

A READING

A few words from scripture are read aloud and a time of silence kept for reflection. Some suggested passages are below.....

Sunday

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light' and they will reign for ever and ever. *Revelation 22.4-5*

Monday

In returning and rest you shall be saved. In quietness and trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30.15

Tuesday

Come to me all you who labour 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 *Matthew 11.28-30*

Wednesday

Humble yourselves under the almighty hand of God, that in due time you may be exalted. Cast all your anxieties on God, who care about you.

1 Peter 5.6-7

Thursday

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

1 Peter 5.8-9

Friday

God has not destined us to the terrors of judgement but to the full attainment of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we wake or sleep, we might live with him.

1 Thessalonians 5.9-10

Saturday

'You O lord are in the midst of us and we are called by your name, leave us not O Lord our God'

Jeremigh 14.9

RESPONSORY

Into your hands O Lord, I commend my Spirit.

Into your hands O Lord, I commend my Spirit.

For you have redeemed me Lord God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

+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.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Offer a time of prayer for the needs of the church and the world and those most in need.

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father...

THE BLESSING

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

Abide with us Lord Jesus,

For the night is at hand and the day is now past.

as the night watch looks for the morning, so do we look for you, O Christ.

THE CONCLUSION

The Lord be with you And also with you

Let us bless the Lord, Thanks be to God,

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