

# Compline

## Prayer at the End of the Day



Anglican Diocese of Perth

If you are new or visiting – a special welcome!  
You are encouraged to pray along at home and  
your microphones will be unmuted during the  
time for general prayer.

*Italic red text indicates an invitation for the congregation to  
follow, say or do*

The **+** symbol indicates when to make the sign of the cross,  
if that is your tradition

The words in **black bold type** are  
for the congregation to say

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*Blue text boxes provide an explanation of the ceremonial*

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# *Prayer at the End of the Day*

*The minister says*

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

Dear friends, the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our many sins, and not to conceal them in the presence of God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a penitent and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his boundless goodness and mercy.

We ought always humbly to admit our sins before God, but chiefly when we meet together to give thanks for the benefits we have received at his hands, to offer the praise that is due to him, to hear his holy word, and to ask what is necessary for the body as well as the soul.

*There may be a pause for self-examination.*

Therefore, let us draw near to the throne  
of our gracious God, and say together:  
**Almighty and most merciful Father,**  
**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**  
**We have left undone**  
    **what we ought to have done,**  
**and we have done**  
    **what we ought not to have done.**  
**We have followed our own ways**  
    **and the desires of our own hearts.**  
**We have broken your holy laws.**

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*Confession is  
telling the truth  
about ourselves  
to God our  
heavenly Father  
together.  
We ask God to  
forgive us and  
we pray for each  
other, for the  
world, and for  
God's help to  
live in a way  
that pleases him.*

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Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us;  
restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to mankind  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And grant, merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may live a godly and obedient life,  
to the glory of your holy name. AMEN.

*The Absolution or declaration of forgiveness is pronounced by the priest alone*

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ pardons and absolves all who truly repent and believe his holy gospel. For God desires, not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live, and has given authority and commandment to his ministers to declare to his people, when they repent, the forgiveness of their sins.

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*In answer to the question 'if we confess our sins to God, does he forgive us?' The answer is 'absolutely!' – that's why Jesus Christ came.*

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Therefore let us ask him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that what we do now may please him, and that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
AMEN.

Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners to repentance,  
**have mercy on us.**

Lord Jesus, sent to heal those who are burdened in soul,  
**have mercy on us.**

Lord Jesus, now seated at the Father's right hand to intercede for us,  
**have mercy on us.**

*Then the minister says*

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

*This Hymn, or another, may be sung here*

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured  
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,  
Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,  
The lights of evening round us shine,  
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung  
With undefiled tongue, Son of our God, giver of life, alone!  
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

*The Psalm is said together*

### Psalm 91

- 1 Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:  
    who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 They will say to the Lord  
    'You are my refuge and my stronghold:  
    my God in whom I trust.'
- 3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter:  
    and from the destroying curse.

- 4 He will cover you with his wings,  
and you will be safe under his feathers:  
his faithfulness will be your shield and defence.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night:  
or of the arrow that flies by day,
- 6 Of the pestilence that walks about in darkness:  
or the plague that destroys at noonday.
- 7 A thousand may fall beside you,  
and ten thousand at your right hand:  
but you it shall not touch;
- 8 Your own eyes shall see:  
and look on the reward of the ungodly.
- 9 The Lord himself is your refuge:  
you have made the Most High your stronghold.
- 10 Therefore no harm will befall you:  
nor will any scourge come near your tent.
- 11 For he will command his angels:  
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They will bear you up in their hands:  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder:  
the young lion and the serpent  
you will trample under foot.
- 14 'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord,  
'and therefore I will deliver you:  
I will lift you out of danger,  
because you have known my name.
- 15 'When you call upon me I will answer you:  
I will be with you in trouble,

I will rescue you and bring you to honour.

16 'With long life I will satisfy you:  
and fill you with my salvation.'

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world  
without end. AMEN.

*The following, or some other Reading from the Bible*

**Sunday** The servants of the Lamb shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

*Revelation 22.4-5*

**Monday** God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain 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*

**Tuesday** Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, be firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world.

*1 Peter 5.8-9*

**Wednesday** Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

*Ephesians 4.26-27*

**Thursday** May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Thessalonians 5.23*

**Friday** You, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; leave us not.

*Jeremiah 14.9*

**Saturday** Hear O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you arise.

*Deuteronomy 6.4-7*

*After the Reading the congregation may respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The following may be said or sung*

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

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You have redeemed us, Lord, God of truth.

**I commend my spirit.**

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

**Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.**



The Song of Simeon  
(Luke 2.29ff)

Save us, Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we are asleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ  
and rest with him in peace.

✚ Lord, now 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 ev'ry people:  
a light to reveal you to the nations:  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. AMEN.

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protect us while we are asleep;  
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and rest with him in peace.

*Intercessions may follow here according to need and local custom.  
[These may be made out aloud, or in the silence of your own heart]*

*Silence may be kept*

*The service ends with one or more of the following prayers*

In your mercy, Lord, dispel the darkness of this night. Let your household so sleep in peace that at the dawn of a new day they may with joy waken in your name; through Christ our Lord.  
**AMEN.**

**Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray:  
and in your great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of your only Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,  
who at this evening hour rested in the sepulchre,  
and sanctified the grave to be a bed of hope to your people:  
make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins,  
which were the cause of your passion,  
that when our bodies lie in the dust we may live with you,  
through the saving merits of your cross;  
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*The minister concludes the service by saying*

Let us praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;  
**let us praise and magnify him for ever.**

**+** The almighty and merciful God preserve us and give us his blessing. **AMEN.**