

Compline: A Service of Online Evening Prayer

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OPENING SENTENCES

O God, come to our assistance
O Lord, hasten to help us.

The Lord grant us a restful night
and peace at the last. **Amen.**

EVENING HYMN

#799 I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

I love the Lord, who heard my cry
and pitied every groan,
Long as I live and troubles rise
I'll hasten to God's throne

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Almighty God, maker of all,
have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, giver of life,
have mercy on us.

I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my family in Christ,
that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed,
and pray God almighty to have mercy on me.

**May Almighty God have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from your sins
and give you time to amend your life. Amen.**

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pardon and deliver you from all your sins
and give you time to amend your life. **Amen.**

PSALM

Evening Psalms for the Week of April 27th -May 1st

Monday: Psalm 12

Tuesday: Psalm 13

Wednesday: Psalm 14

Thursday: Psalm 15

Friday: Psalm 16

SCRIPTURE

Monday: Jonah 2:1-10

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, ²saying,

‘I called to the Lord out of my distress,

and he answered me;

out of the belly of Sheol I cried,

and you heard my voice.

³ You cast me into the deep,

into the heart of the seas,

and the flood surrounded me;

all your waves and your billows

passed over me.

⁴ Then I said, “I am driven away

from your sight;

how shall I look again

upon your holy temple?”

⁵ The waters closed in over me;

the deep surrounded me;

weeds were wrapped around my head

⁶ at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land

whose bars closed upon me for ever;

yet you brought up my life from the Pit,
O Lord my God.

⁷ As my life was ebbing away,
I remembered the Lord;
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.

⁸ Those who worship vain idols
forsake their true loyalty.

⁹ But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.

Deliverance belongs to the Lord!

¹⁰ Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

Tuesday: *Lamentations 3:19-33*

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!

²⁰ My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.

²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'

²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

²⁷ It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,

²⁸ to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,

²⁹ to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),

³⁰ to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

³¹ For the Lord will not
reject for ever.
³² Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³ for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

Wednesday: *Matthew 8:23-27*

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' ²⁶And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

Thursday: *Ezekiel 37:11-14*

¹¹ Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Friday: *Song of Songs 8:6-7*

⁶ Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.
⁷ Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

We will take some time at this moment to share our prayer requests for each other and the world, then continue with the following prayers:

Monday:

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
for in God alone I dwell unafraid.

O Lord, support us all the day long until the shadows lengthen
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,
and peace at the last;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Tuesday:

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
for in God alone I dwell unafraid.

O God, Our Creator,
by whose mercy and might
the world turns safely into darkness
and returns again to light:
We give into your hands our unfinished tasks,
our unsolved problems,
and our unfulfilled hopes,
knowing that only those things which you bless will prosper.
To your great love and protection
we commit each other
and all for whom we have prayed,
knowing that you alone are our sure defender,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Wednesday:

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
for in God alone I dwell unafraid.

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.

Thursday:

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
for in God alone I dwell unafraid.
Eternal God,
the hours of both 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.

Friday:

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
for in God alone I dwell unafraid.
O God,
who appointed the day for labor
and the night for rest:
Grant that we may rest in peace and quietness during the coming night
so that tomorrow
we may go forth to our appointed labors. Take us into your holy keeping,
that no evil may befall us
nor any ill come near our home.
When at last our days are ended

and our work is finished,
grant that we may depart in your peace,
in the sure hope of that glorious kingdom where there is day without night,
light without darkness,
and life without shadow of death forever; through Jesus Christ,
the Light of the world.

Amen.

Dismissal

May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit
(*Romans 15:13*)

May Almighty God bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.
Amen.

Bless the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.