

# Compline: A Service of Online Evening Prayer

## 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

Someone's singing, Lord, Kum Ba Yah,  
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## 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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before the whole company of heaven,  
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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 March 30<sup>th</sup>-April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Monday: Psalm 134*

*Tuesday: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26*

*Wednesday: Psalm 139:1-12*

*Thursday: Psalm 20*

*Friday: Psalm 56*

### SCRIPTURE

#### **Monday: Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight,

and honoured, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, 'Give them up',

and to the south, 'Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.'

*Tuesday: Luke 15:3-7*

3 So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

*Wednesday: John 6:35-40*

35 Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup>Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; <sup>38</sup>for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

*Thursday: Ephesians 3:14-21*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Friday: Galatians 6:7-10*

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

### **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,  
O God our Creator,  
by whose mercy and might  
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**

<sup>24</sup> The Lord bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup> So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

(Numbers 6:24-27)

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

**Amen.**

Bless the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**