

The Basic Order—Prayer at Close of Day

Essential elements for abbreviated order in caps; optional elements in italics

Opening Sentences/Verses

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful god, we (I) confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

PSALM *(followed by silent prayer)*

Choose: Psalm 4; Psalm 23; Psalm 33:1-12; Psalm 34:1-10; Psalm 91: 1-2, 4, 9-16;
Psalm 121; Psalm 134; Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26; Psalm 139:1-12

SCRIPTURE READING *(followed by silent reflection)*

Sunday - Matt 11:28-30; Monday - Matt 6:31-24; Tuesday - 2 Cor. 4:6-10;
Wednesday - 1 John 4:18-20; Thursday - Rev 22:3c-5; Friday - John 14:27;
Saturday - Rom 8:38-39.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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 evening 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Canticle

Luke 2:29-32

Blessing/Dismissal

May Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit preserve and keep us, this night and forevermore. Amen

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