

Prayer in the Evening

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- 1 Be swift, O God, to save us.
Come quickly, Lord, to help us.

2 In Eastertide:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

3 One of these sentences:

Sunday

There is one body and one Spirit
**just as there is one hope
held out in God's call to you.**

Monday

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing psalms in your name, O Most High.

Tuesday

From the rising of the sun to its setting
may the Lord's name be praised.

Wednesday

God was in Christ
reconciling the world to himself,
and has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation.

Thursday

God has sent into our hearts
the Spirit of his Son, crying,
'Abba! Father!'

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Friday

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Saturday

May my prayer be like incense set before you,
**and the lifting of my hands
like the evening offering.**

- 4 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

5 This or some other prayer of penitence may be said:

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you
before the whole company of heaven
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.**

If we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just,
and will forgive our sins,
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

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6 EITHER **Jubilate** (Psalm 100)

Cry out to the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with songs of joy.

**Be assured that the Lord is God;
he has made us for himself.
We are his own, his people,
the sheep who feed on his pasture.**

Come into his gates with thanksgiving,
enter his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

**Truly the Lord is good:
his love endures for ever,
and from age to age he is faithful.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

OR this or some other hymn

**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.**

7 The Prayer of the Evening

EITHER

A God and Father of all,
as this day ends
we offer up its hours in praise to you.
As we take our rest,
unite us, by your Spirit,
in praise of Christ our Lord,
the Alpha and Omega,
the First and Last,
in whom we make our prayer. **Amen.**

OR

B O God, in whom there is no darkness,
with whom the night is as the day:
enlighten us by your presence,
that waking or sleeping
we may dwell in your peace,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

8 One of the following:

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| Sunday | Psalm 34 |
| Monday | Psalm 84 |
| Tuesday | Psalm 91 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 96 |
| Thursday | Psalm 103 |
| Friday | Psalm 115 |
| Saturday | Psalm 116 |

OR A Psalm selected freely or from another reading scheme

OR Psalm 134

**Come, bless the Lord,
all you, his servants,
who minister night after night
in the house of the Lord.
Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary
and bless the Lord.
May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth,
bless you from Zion!**

9 Either one of the following or a reading from scripture selected freely or according to some other scheme:

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| Sunday | John 20: 26-31 |
| Monday | Isaiah 55: 6-9 |
| Tuesday | Matthew 5: 3-12 |
| Wednesday | Romans 12: 1-2 |
| Thursday | Luke 15: 4-10 |
| Friday | John 15: 12-17 |
| Saturday | Revelation 22:1-5 |

10 One of the following, or some other canticle:

***Magnificat* (The Song of Mary)**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
who has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.**

God has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

**The Lord has shown strength with his arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.**

God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

***Nunc Dimittis* (The Song of Simeon)**

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 for ever. Amen.

11 These or some other prayers

Christ, through whom all things were made,
sustain all creation.

Christ, exalted in the lowest and the least,
give us humility.

Christ, present in the poor and the oppressed,
fill us with compassion.

Christ, forsaken in the hungry and the homeless,
minister to them through our hands.

Christ, present where two or three are gathered,
be known among us.

Christ, present in word, sacrament and sign,
grant us your peace.

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12 The Lord's Prayer

EITHER

We say together the prayer that Jesus gave us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against
us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, power and the glory
are yours,
now and for ever. Amen**

OR

As our Saviour taught his disciples, we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

13 Lord our God,

at the ending of this day,
and in the darkness and silence of this night,
cover us with healing and forgiveness,
that we may take our rest in peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

14 EITHER

- A** We will lie down in peace and take our rest;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

OR

- B** Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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15 The following may be said:

May the souls of the faithful,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

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