

Compline for Ordinary Time

PREPARATION

The peace of all peace
be mine this night
+ in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We come before your presence
You who are common to us all.

It is night after a long day.
What has been done is done;
what has not been done has not been done;
let it be.

Let us be still in the presence of God.
Let the quietness of God's peace enfold us
and let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys and new possibilities. Amen.

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

**O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.**

READINGS

Monday

Thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30.15

Tuesday

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Matthew 11.28-end

Wednesday

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5.6,7

Thursday

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour. Resist him, strong in the faith.

1 Peter 5.8, 9

Friday

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

1 Thessalonians 5.9, 10

PRAYERS

As the community of St Luke's with St Augustine's apart and part of the whole, in isolation and in communion, near and far, together we pray. . .

we include silence between each prayer to name those on our hearts

We bring to God someone whom we have met
or remembered today
and for whom we want to pray.

We bring to God someone who is hurting tonight
and needs our prayer

We bring to God a troubled situation in the world tonight

We bring to God, silently,
someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust.

We bring ourselves to God
that we might grow in generosity of spirit,
clarity of mind, and warmth of affection.

Amen.

COLLECT

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen

THE CONCLUSION

**May God bless us in our sleep with rest,
in our dreams with vision,
in our waking with a calm mind,
in our soul with the friendship of the Holy Spirit,
this night and every night.
Amen.**

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