

# Compline: Night Prayer for Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## The Gathering ...

### Welcome and introduction

*From our cycle of prayer for this dispersed  
worshipping community: Tonight's Office Prayer is  
offered for*

- the priest, people and community of S.  
Clement, Leigh on Sea, in the Chelmsford  
Diocese*
- and for the Coventry Diocese.*

## Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night  
and a perfect end.

**Amen.**

Our help is in the Name of the Lord  
**who made heaven and earth.**

*A period of reflection on the past day...*

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal:  
have mercy on us.**

○ God make speed to save us,  
**○ Lord, make haste to help us**

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen. Alleluia**

## Hymn

*Do not be afraid,  
for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name;  
you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters  
I'll be with you,  
you will never have to sink  
beneath the waves.

*Do not be afraid,  
for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name;  
you are mine.*

When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the flames.

*Do not be afraid,  
for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name;  
you are mine.*

When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am at your side.

*Do not be afraid,  
for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name;  
you are mine.*

When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,  
remember you are precious in my eyes.

*Do not be afraid,  
for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name;  
you are mine.*

You are mine, ○ my child; I am your father,  
and I love you with a perfect love.

*Do not be afraid,  
for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name;  
you are mine*

## ***Psalmody***

### **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.\*  
O Lord my God,  
how excellent is your greatness!

You appointed the moon  
to mark the seasons,\*  
and the sun knows the time for its setting.

You make darkness that it may be night,\*  
in which all the beasts of the forest  
creep forth.

The lions roar for their prey\*  
and seek their food from God.

The sun rises and they are gone\*  
to lay themselves down in their dens.

People go forth to their work\*  
and to their labour until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!\*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, spread far and wide,\*  
and there move creatures beyond number,  
both small and great.

There go the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan\*  
which you have made to play in the deep.

All of these look to you\*  
to give them their food in due season.

When you give it them, they gather it;\*  
you open your hand  
and they are filled with good.

When you hide your face they are troubled;\*  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit,  
they are created,\*  
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;\*  
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

*Psalm 104: 1, 21-33*

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

### **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live**

## ***Scripture reading***

See, I am sending you out like sheep into the  
midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and  
innocent as doves.

... do not worry about how you are to speak  
or what you are to say; for what you are to  
say will be given to you at that time; for it is  
not you who speak, but the Spirit of your  
Father speaking through you.

*Matthew 10: 16, 19-20*

## ***Responsory***

Into your hands, O Lord,  
I commend my spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord,  
I commend my spirit.**

For you have redeemed me,  
Lord God of truth  
**Into your hands, O Lord,  
I commend my spirit.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
**Into your hands, O Lord,  
I commend my spirit.**

Keep me as the apple of your eye.  
**Hide me under the shadow  
of your wings**

## ***Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)***

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,  
and guard us while sleeping  
that awake we may watch with Christ,  
and asleep may rest in peace**

**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 be 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,  
world without end. Amen**

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,  
and guard us while sleeping  
that awake we may watch with Christ,  
and asleep may rest in peace**

### ***Intercession...***

Holy God, in whom we live and move  
and have our being,  
we make our prayer to you, saying,  
Lord hear us.

*holding each other in God's love ..., bringing the  
needs of the world, the church, and those who have  
no-one to pray for them... prayers for those who are  
unwell, those who have died, and those who mourn*

### **Collect**

O God,  
the strength of all those  
who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness  
of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,

that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ you Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever

**Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father,  
which 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 them  
that 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.**

### ***Blessing and departure***

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord,  
make us dwell in safety.**

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
**for the night is at hand  
and the day is now past.**

As the night watch looks for the morning,  
**so do we look for you, O Christ**

May the Risen Lord Jesus bless us,  
may he watch over us and renew us  
as he renews the whole of creation.  
May our hearts and lives echo his love.

**May the Lord bless us, protect us from  
all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
Amen**