

Compline : Night Prayer

Ss. Timothy & Titus

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The icon of friendship

The Gathering ...

Our help is in the name of the eternal God
who is making the heavens and the earth

Dear God, thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us
of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love,
which is unbounded and eternal.....

O Thou, Most Holy and Beloved,
My Companion, my Unicorn,
my Guide upon the Way.

Words of love and penitence...

Merciful God,
we have not loved you with our whole heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves.
Forgive what we have been,
accept us as we are,
and guide what we shall be.....

O God of Mercy, we thank you...

you forgive our past sin,
you strengthen us in your gift of eternal life,
you shape us for glory.

O God of mercy, we thank you....

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being
and open our lips
**that our mouths may proclaim
your praise.**

Let us worship the God of Love:
Alleluia, alleluia

Hymn

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge -
take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.

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Psalmody

I will lift up my eyes to the mountains,
but where shall I find help?
From you alone, O God, does my help come,
Creator of the ever-changing hills.

You will not let me stumble
on the rough pathways,
you care for me
and watch over me without ceasing.
I am sure that the Guardian of Israel
neither slumbers nor sleeps.
The God of all peoples keeps watch,
like a shadow spread over me.

So the sun will not strike me by day,
nor the moon by night,
You will defend me in the presence of evil,
you will guard my life.

You will defend my going out
and my coming in,
this night and always.

O God, I give you thanks
for the wisdom of your counsel,
even at night you have instructed my heart.
I have set your face always before me,
you are at my right hand and I shall not fall.

Therefore my heart is glad
and my spirit rejoices,
my flesh also shall rest secure.

**Glory be to God,
sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now and forever.
Amen.**

Scripture reading

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Romans 12: 6-8 (NIV)

Responsory

Into your hands, O God,
I commend my spirit,
**for you have redeemed me,
O God of truth and love.**

Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye:
**hide me under the shadow of your
wings.**

Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Cantic)

**Preserve us, O God, while waking
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in your peace.**

**Praise be to God,
I have lived to see this day.
God's promise is fulfilled
and my duty done.**

**At last you have given me peace,
for I have seen with my own eyes
the salvation you have prepared
for all nations –
a light to the world in its darkness,
and the glory of your people, Israel.**

**Glory be to God,
sustaining, redeeming, sanctifying,
as in the beginning, so now and forever.
Amen.**

**Preserve us, O God, while waking
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in your peace.**

Intercession...

Intercession, times of stillness or bidding prayer...

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Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your 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

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
**for it is in God alone
that I dwell unafraid.**

Let us bless the Life-Giver,
the Pain-Bearer, the Love-Maker
**let us praise and exalt God
above all for ever.**

May God's name be praised
beyond the furthest star;
**glorified and exalted above all for ever.
Amen.**

Watch between us dear God,
when we are absent from one another. Amen.

Either of the following prayers may be prayed ...

O God,
the Source of the whole world's gladness
and the bearer of its pain,
may your unconquerable joy
rest at the heart
of all our trouble and distress.

Be present, Living Christ, within us,
your dwelling place and home,
that all places may be ones where
all darkness is penetrated by your light,
all troubles calmed by your peace,
all evil redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed in your suffering.
and all dying glorified in your risen life.
Amen.

To God the Creator
who loved us first
and gave this world to be our home,

to God the redeemer who loves us
and by dying and rising
pioneered the way of freedom,

to God the Sanctifier
who spreads the divine love in our hearts,
be praise and glory for time and for eternity.

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

Amen

Goodnight