

# Night Prayer

*If you are following this service on-line you can click the links to find the Psalms and Bible readings. If you are following on paper you will need a Bible to look them up.*

*If you are saying Night Prayer with someone else, one person can lead and the other(s) respond with the words in bold type.*

*You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.*

The eternal God is your refuge,  
and underneath are the everlasting arms.

*Deuteronomy 33v27*

## Opening Sentences

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.**

*Pause and reflect on the day that is past.*

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

## Bible Reading

*You may wish to say one of the psalms given below or another chosen psalm.*

[Psalm 27](#)

Or

[Psalm 91](#)

**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.**

*You may wish to follow the events of Holy Week using the readings below or choose another reading*

*Palm Sunday*

[Matthew 21 v 1-17](#)

*Monday Evening*

[Matthew 21 v 18-46](#)

*Tuesday Evening*  
[Matthew 24 v 1-25](#)

*Wednesday Evening*  
[Matthew 26 v 1-16](#)

*Thursday Evening*  
[Matthew 26 v 17-56](#)

*Friday Evening*  
[Matthew 27 v 27-61](#) (You may have read this earlier in the Good Friday reflection)  
or [1 Thessalonians 5.9,10](#)

*Saturday Evening*  
[Matthew 27 v 62-66](#)

## Prayers

*Pray for those who have been particularly struggling with COVID-19 today and/or look up today's prayer points [on our website](#).*

Merciful God,  
we entrust to your unfailing and tender care this night  
those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe.  
Comfort and heal them,  
and restore them to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God,  
and protect us through the silent hours of this night,  
so that we who are wearied  
by the changes and chances of this fleeting world,  
may rest upon your eternal changelessness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,  
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;  
may your holy angels dwell with us in peace,  
and may your blessing be always upon us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

(or)

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.

## The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**  
The Lord bless us and watch over us;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;  
The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace. **Amen.**