

# Night Prayer



*Night Owls – Julianne Eleanor*

## An Order of Compline

The God of peace grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.  
**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

The angels of God guard us through the night,  
**and quiet the powers of darkness.**

The Spirit of God be our guide,  
**to lead us to peace and to glory.**

It is but lost labour that we haste to rise up early,  
and so late take our rest, and eat the bread of anxiety.  
**For those beloved of God are given gifts  
even while they sleep.**

We have wounded your love.  
**O God, heal us.**

We stumble in the darkness.  
**Light of the world, transfigure us.**

We forget that we are your home.  
**Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

Eternal Spirit,  
**living God,**  
**in whom we live and move and have our being,**  
**all that we are, have been, and shall be**  
**is known to you.**  
**In the very secret of our hearts**  
**you know all that rises to trouble us.**  
**Living flame, burn into us.**  
**Cleansing wind, blow through us.**  
**Fountain of water, well up within us;**  
**that we may love and praise**  
**in deed and in truth. Amen.**

1 To you be - fore the close of day, Cre - a - tor  
 2 Save us from trou - bled, rest - less sleep; from all ill  
 3 A health - y life we ask of you: the fire of  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, hear our cry through Je - sus

of all things, we pray that, in your sav - ing  
 dreams your chil - dren keep. So calm our minds that  
 love in us re - new, and when the dawn new  
 Christ, our Lord most high, whom with the Spir - it

con - stan - cy, our guard and keep - er you would be.  
 fears may cease and rest - ed bod - ies wake in peace.  
 light will bring, your praise and glo - ry we shall sing.  
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for ev - er - more.

*Psalm 42. 1-7, 10*

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my food day and night,  
while all day long they say to me,  
“Where now is your God!”  
I pour out my soul when I think on these things:  
how I went with the multitude and led them into the  
house of God,  
With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,  
among those who keep holy-day.  
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?  
and why are you so disquieted within me?  
Put your trust in God;  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.  
The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime;  
in the night season his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

Glory to God,

**Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Ephesians 3. 16-19*

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit;  
**For you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.**  
Keep us, O God, as the apple of your eye;  
**Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

*Antiphon*

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

*The Song of Simeon (Luke 2.29–32)*

**Lord, now 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.**

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*Prayer*

Lord it is night.  
The night is for stillness.  
Let us be still in the presence of God.  
It is night after a long day.  
What has been done has been done;  
what has not been done has not been done;  
let it be.

The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world  
and of our own lives rest in you.

The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,  
all dear to us,  
and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

Let us look expectantly to a new day  
new joys, new possibilities.

In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

Come, O Spirit of God,  
and make within us your dwelling place and home.  
May our darkness be dispelled by your light,  
and our troubles calmed by your peace;  
may all evils be redeemed by your love,  
all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ,  
and all dying glorified by his risen life.

**Amen.**

Keep watch, dear God,  
with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,  
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.  
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary,  
bless the dying, soothe the suffering,  
pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;  
and all for your love's sake.

**Amen.**

Gracious God,  
support us all the day long of this earthly life,  
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,  
the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over,  
and our work is done.

Then, O God, in your mercy,  
grant us safe lodging, a holy rest,  
and peace at the last;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Visit this place, O God,  
and drive far from it all snares of the enemy;  
let your holy angels dwell within to preserve us in peace;  
and let your blessing be upon us always;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,  
**for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.**  
May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star  
**glorified and exalted above all for ever.**

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

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

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.  
**Amen.**