

## **Compline for Season after Pentecost**

*Compline Prayers drawn from The Book of Common Prayer, Daily Prayers for All Seasons, A New Zealand Prayer Book, and The Anglican Church of Canada's addition to the Book of Alternative Services.*

**Directions for Compline over ZOOM:** We ask that participants stay muted until asked to unmute. A representative of the group will read the congregational responses, and another will assist with the readings.

*Prayers in the evening: As we turn on lamps at dusk, we greet the evening by welcoming God to abide with us anew.*

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### **Opening Sentences**

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 labor that we haste to rise up early,  
and so late take rest, and eat the bread of anxiety.  
For those beloved of God are given gifts even while they sleep.

*Silence*

My siblings in Christ,  
our help is in the name of the eternal God,  
**who is making the heavens and the earth.**

### **Invocation**

Holy God, you are always with us.  
**Open our eyes to your presence.**

**Prayer** *The Officiant says one of the following Collects for the Season:*

O God, at the setting of the sun, we place our trust in you. As the night draws near, we give thanks for your presence with us. Help us entrust our lives to you with the delight and confidence of one who loves and is beloved. Through Jesus, our faithful Savior. **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 evil be redeemed by your love, all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ,  
and all dying glorified in his risen life. **Amen.**

*Followed by the prayer for Quiet Confidence*

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Psalm, Scripture and Meditation**

*Posted weekly on the website, officiant 'shares' screen.*

**Prayers of Intercession**

The cares of our hearts  
**We entrust to you, O God.**

The needs of your Church  
**We entrust to you, O God.**

The wounds of the world  
**We entrust to you, O God.**

The hopes we carry  
**We entrust to you, O God.**

The deep desire for peace  
**We entrust to you, O God.**

*Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.*

With all our lives and all our holy longings  
**We praise you and trust your love for us,  
O Lover of our souls. Amen**

**The Prayers, continued**

*(BCP 1979)*

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.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Lord, hear our prayer;  
**And let our cry come to you.**  
Let us pray.

*The Officiant then says one/more of the following Collects/Prayers:*

Keep watch, dear Lord, 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.**

Be present, 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 in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious God, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your  
mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

## **Concluding Prayer**

*Officiant chooses one of the following*

### **Form I, A Prayer attributed to St. Francis**

*BCP, p 833*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

**Amen.**

### **Form II, A Prayer for Night**

*(A New Zealand Prayer Book)*

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.**

**Blessing**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

**Closing**

The Lord almighty grant us a peaceful night  
**and a perfect end. Amen.**