

Prayer at the Day's Ending

As the day closes may the Lord grant us a quiet night and a peaceful end.
Lord save us, and keep us in your way.

Taking time to recollect the day and reflect upon its encounters, may we see where God has blessed us and challenged us in particular ways.

***God, whose ways are as hidden as footsteps upon the waters
and as apparent as the sun shining in its noonday glory;
help us to see where we have reflected your radiance*
and where we have obscured it
through fear, indifference or deliberate sin.****

***Grant us forgiveness for our failings
and so strengthen all goodness in us by your grace
that we might shine as lights in a dark and unjust world,
to your praise and glory. Amen.***

** optional pause for reflection at these points*

*The following or another suitable hymn may be **said or sung***

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.

Optional Readings from the *Common Lectionary* for **Night Prayer**
and/or

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung

***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.
Luke 2.29-32

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.

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

***Grant us sleep to refresh the soul this night
and should we be wakeful,
so fill our minds with your word
that all fear and anxiety might be banished
and our hearts be restful,
for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.***

+ In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit