

# An Order for Compline

## From the Book of Common Prayer

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, PAGE 127

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

*Officiant*     Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
**People**        **The maker of heaven and earth.**

### *Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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*Officiant*  
May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*Officiant*     O God, make speed to save us.  
**People**        **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

### *Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

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**Psalm 31**

*Officiant* In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;\*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold;\*  
for the sake of you Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.

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

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**Psalm 134**

*Officiant* Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,\*  
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.  
Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord;\*  
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

***Officiant and People***

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**People**                   **Thanks be to God.**

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**V.** Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;  
**R.** For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;  
R. **Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

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

***Officiant and People***

**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.**

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

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

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*Officiant*  
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.*

*Silent prayers may be offered at this time.*

**Officiant and People**

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

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*Officiant*

Lord, you now have set your servant free\*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,\*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A light to enlighten all the nations,\*  
and the glory of your people Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

**Officiant and People**

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

*Officiant*     *Let us bless the Lord.*

**People**        **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*     The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*