

# A LITURGY FOR NIGHT PRAYER



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## † OPENING

Our shouts greet you, Shepherd God.

WE HAVE BEEN LED BY YOUR LOVING HAND,  
AND WE PROCLAIM WITH JOY THAT  
YOU ARE OUR SALVATION.

Reign in our hearts this night.

AMEN.

## † LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### † *Bless the Lord, My Soul*

### † PRAYER OF RELINQUISHMENT

O Holy God, open unto us light for our darkness,  
courage for our fear, hope for our despair.

O LOVING GOD, OPEN UNTO US WISDOM FOR OUR CONFUSION,  
FORGIVENESS FOR OUR SINS, LOVE FOR OUR HATE.

O God of Peace, open unto us peace for our turmoil,  
joy for our sorrow, strength for our weakness.

O GENEROUS GOD, OPEN OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE  
ALL YOUR GIFTS. AMEN.

## SILENCE

[A time for Examen, an opportunity to notice where God was with us on this day]

## PSALM READING – PSALM 31

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.

*Response: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.*

Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,  
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.

*Response: Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.*

## PSALM PRAYER

You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD; LISTEN TO MY CRY

Keep me as the apple of your eye;

HIDE ME IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS.

In righteousness I shall see you;

WHEN I AWAKE, YOUR PRESENCE WILL GIVE ME JOY.

## *Bless the Lord, My Soul (Reprise)*

## SCRIPTURE READING

(After the reading)

This is the Word of the Lord!

THANKS BE TO GOD.

## PRAYER OF QUIET TRUST

Oh God of peace,  
who has taught us that in returning and rest  
we shall be saved,  
in quietness and trust shall be our strength:

BY THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT  
QUIET OUR HEARTS, WE PRAY,  
SO THAT WE MAY BE STILL AND KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOD,  
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.  
AMEN.

[Pause to release our burdens in silence to God]

## *In God Alone*

## † THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, so we say,

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.

## † BENEDICTION

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

Let us bless the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

The almighty and merciful God bless us and keep us.

AMEN.

(Depart in silence)