



COMPLINE

The offering of prayer late in the evening, by laity, religious orders or clergy, often called Compline, has sometimes been described as the 'goodnight prayer of the Church'. It rounds off the day and prepares us for a quiet night. As the psalmist wrote:

*I lie down in peace and take rest my rest
for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.*

Night Prayer derives its content from the wisdom of the centuries in Scripture and above all in the psalms, but also from contemporary Christian experience of God.

It celebrates the awareness that each of us who tries to pray is a part of the human whole. So we are taken over the threshold from daytime, not in a mood of self-centred spirituality, but as representatives of humanity, acknowledging our creaturehood before God.

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Approach

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The angels of God guard us through the night,
and quieten 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 rest, and eat the bread of
anxiety.

For those beloved of God are given gifts even
while they sleep.

Silence

E te whānau/My brothers and sisters,
our help is in the name of the eternal God,
who is making the heavens and the earth.

Dear God,
thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and for our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us of this
planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love which is unbounded and eternal.

O thou, most holy and beloved,
my Companion, my Guide upon the way,
tāku whetū mārama i te pō / my bright evening
star.

We repent the wrongs we have done:

Silence

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,
to the very secret of our hearts
and 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.

Invocation

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open
our lips,
that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the God of love.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 65 A Version for New Zealand

Praise is your due O God in the holy city;
promises made to you shall be fulfilled;
prayer you always listen to.

You accept all who come to you with shame;
sin would overwhelm us, but you wash it away.

Blest is anyone you choose to live with you;
your house is an inspiration, a hallowed place.

You spread your justice, God our Saviour,
across the world to the farthest oceans.

You have laid down the mountain ranges and set
them fast; you make the seas calm and the
sounds peaceful; you reconcile the peoples who
dwell here.

So in this corner of the earth we wonder at your
deeds; at the meeting of east and west we sing
your praise.

You water the land and make it flourish,
from your own bursting river.

To provide our crops, you plough and irrigate the
land, softening it with rain to make it fruitful;
a record harvest is achieved, and the stores are
overflowing.

The tussock land becomes pasture and the
brown hills turn green; the paddocks are crowded
with sheep and the plains thick with wheat:
the world itself a canticle of praise.

Reading

Do not ask anxiously, What are we to eat? What
are we to drink? What shall we wear? The whole
world runs after such things. Set your heart and
mind on God's commonwealth and justice first,
and all the rest will come to you as well. So do
not be anxious about tomorrow. Today has
enough problems of its own; tomorrow can look
after itself.

Matthew 6:31-34

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world we pray,
that you, with love and lasting light,
would guard us through the hours of night.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
from nightly fears and fantasies;
redeem through us our evil foe,
that we no lasting harm may know.

O wisest Guide, grant all we ask,
fulfil in us your holy task,
surround us with your love and care,
and lead us on, your life to share.

All praise to God, sustaining us,
redeeming and transforming us,
thanksgiving in eternity,
all praise, beloved Trinity.

Prayers

In our intercessions, to the petitions
God of love....

The response is

Hear our prayers for :

- the Church
- the World
- the Earth
- this Community
- all who are in need
- those who have died

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

Praise be to God, I have lived to see this day.
God's promise is fulfilled, and my duty done.

At last you have given me peace,
for I have seen with my own eyes
the salvation you have prepared for all nations
a light to the world in its darkness,
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory be to God, sustaining, redeeming,
sanctifying, as in the beginning, so now, and
for ever. Amen.

E te Ariki kia aroha mai.
Kyrie eleison.

**E te Karaiti kia aroha mai.
Christe eleison.**

E te Ariki kia aroha mai.
Kyrie eleison.

**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.**

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
Ka takoto ahau, ka whakatā,
for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.
i roto i te Atua e kore ahau e wehi.

Let us bless the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer,
the Life-giver,
Tātou ka whakapai i te Kai-hanga, i te Kai-
whakamārie, i te Kai-hōmai i te ora,
let us praise and exalt God above all for ever.
tātou ka whakapai, ka whakanui i te Atua mō
ake tonu atu.

May God's name be praised beyond the furthest
star,
Whakanuia te ingoa o te Atua ki ngā
ūārangi,
glorified and exalted above all for ever.
whakapaingia, whakamoemititia mō ake tonu
atu.

Eternal God, compassionate and merciful,
we your unworthy servants give you humble
thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness
to us and to all people.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life; but above all for
your boundless love in the redemption of the
world by our Saviour Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us that due sense of all your
mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful,
and that we praise you, not only with our lips but
in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service
and by walking before you in holiness and
righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and
glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

Sentence of the day

O God, strengthen your servants with your
heavenly grace, that we may continue yours for
ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more
and more, until we come to your everlasting
kingdom.

Final Versicle

The divine Spirit dwells in us.
Kia noho te Wairua o te Runga Rawa ki a tātou.
Thanks be to God.
Whakamoemititia a Ihowā.



A Prayer for the Night

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.