

Daily Prayer for the Close of Day

“P” = Pastor and “C” = Congregation

The sign of the Holy Cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen.

P. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
C. Amen.

P. It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
C. to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;

P. To herald Your love in the morning,
C. Your truth at the close of the day.

Praying the Psalm

Psalm 84

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

⁴Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

⁵Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.

⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!

⁹Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
¹²O LORD of hosts,
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!

Reading from Holy Scripture

James 1:12-15 (EHV)

¹²Blessed is the man who endures a trial patiently, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life, which God promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," because God cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is dragged away and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin. And sin, when it is full grown, gives birth to death.

Reading from the Small Catechism

The Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

**Lord, now 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.
Glory be 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.**

Lord's Prayer

**C 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
forever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

Concluding prayers:

P. Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C. Amen.

P. Kind Father, we have many concerns to bring before Your Holy Altar. Hear our prayers as each one of us prays quietly in the thoughts of our hearts answer, we pray, according to Your gracious Will and conform our lives to that of Your dear Son Jesus, in Whose name we pray.

C. Amen.

P. Kind Father, we remember before you all those persons whom we have named on our prayer list: Carl, the family & friends of Dick Coulthard, Kurt, Ruth, Carol, Ken, Debbie, Sarah, William, Daryl, Karl, LaRon, Roger, Marsha, Tim, Kathy, Beverly, Lori, Amy, Bob, Darlene, Carol, Ruth, Karen, Brad, Keith, Ed, Jon, Bobbie, Mike, Tom, Doris, Joaquin, Marcie, Laura Jo, Cayden, Janice, Lauren Mae and her daughter Frances, all our members who are homebound, all members of our Armed Forces (particularly Pastor Keith GeRue, Kyle Summers, and Logan Davies), all emergency service personnel, and all who work for the common good. May they be comforted and cared for, and may Your Will be done in their lives. In the strong name of Jesus, we pray.

C. Amen.

C. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P. Let us bless the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

P. The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

C. Amen.

*“Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.” (Martin Luther, *Small Catechism*).*

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