

## 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.

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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 111;

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.

<sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.

<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;

<sup>8</sup>they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

<sup>10</sup>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!

### Reading from Holy Scripture

#### Matthew 6:5–13

5“**And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have**

received their reward. 6But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

7“**And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9Pray then like this:**

“**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name.**

**10Your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**11Give us this day our daily bread,**

**12and forgive us our debts,**

**as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

**13And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

### **Reading from the Small Catechism**

#### **Our Father who art in heaven.**

**What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

#### **Hallowed be Thy name.**

**What does this mean? God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**

**How is God’s name kept holy? God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God’s Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!**

### **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 Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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. Father, bless our congregation and those who are dear to us - particularly the family and friends of Dorothy Smith, Owen, Roger, Marsha, Tim, Kathy, Beverly, Lori, Amy, Dan, Bob, Darlene, Beverly, Carol, Ruth, Karen, Brad, Paula, Keith, Ed, Jon, Bobbie, Mike, Tom, Doris, Carl, Joaquin, Marcie, Laura Jo, Cayden, Janice, Lauren Mae, and all of our members who are homebound, in the 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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