

## Daily Prayer for the Close of the 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 118:15-29

<sup>15</sup>Glad songs of salvation  
are in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,  
<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the Lord exalts,  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”  
<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
<sup>18</sup>The Lord has disciplined me severely,  
but he has not given me over to death.  
<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.  
<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.  
<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup>This is the Lord’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
<sup>25</sup>Save us, we pray, O Lord!  
O Lord, we pray, give us success!  
<sup>26</sup>Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.  
<sup>27</sup>The Lord is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup>Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

## **Reading from Holy Scripture**

Matthew 28:16-28

<sup>16</sup>The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>18</sup>Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in<sup>[b]</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.” (EHV).

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## **Reading from the Small Catechism**

Holy Baptism

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matt. 28:19)

## **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. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, 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: the family & friends of Mildred Wedel, the family & friends of Pastor Jim Hendrikson, Jo, Beulah, Michael, John, Dick, Pam, Al, Jan, Kurt, Ruth, Carol, Daryl, Marsha, Beverly, Lori, Bob, Darlene, Carol, Karen, Brad, Keith, Ed, Jon, Bobbie, Mike,

Tom, Doris, Joaquin, Marcie, Laura Jo, Cayden, Janice, 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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