

## 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 33

- <sup>1</sup>Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!  
Praise befits the upright.
- <sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
- <sup>3</sup>Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- <sup>4</sup>For the word of the Lord is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- <sup>5</sup>He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup>By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,  
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
- <sup>7</sup>He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;  
he puts the deeps in storehouses.
- <sup>8</sup>Let all the earth fear the Lord;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
- <sup>9</sup>For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- <sup>10</sup>The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;  
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- <sup>11</sup>The counsel of the Lord stands forever,  
the plans of his heart to all generations.
- <sup>12</sup>Blessèd is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
- <sup>13</sup>The Lord looks down from heaven;  
he sees all the children of man;
- <sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he looks out  
on all the inhabitants of the earth,
- <sup>15</sup>he who fashions the hearts of them all  
and observes all their deeds.
- <sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great army;

a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.  
<sup>17</sup>The war horse is a false hope for salvation,  
and by its great might it cannot rescue.  
<sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
<sup>19</sup>that he may deliver their soul from death  
and keep them alive in famine.  
<sup>20</sup>Our soul waits for the Lord;  
he is our help and our shield.  
<sup>21</sup>For our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.  
<sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

## **Reading from Holy Scripture**

### Romans 6:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C. Thanks be to God.**

## **Reading from the Small Catechism**

### Holy Baptism

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

## **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, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 Daryl Swain, the Family & Friends of Betty Kassal, Dan, Elisabeth, Lesley, Jo, John, Dick, Pam, Al, Jan, Kurt, Ruth, Carol, Marsha, 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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