

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 85

¹LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

²You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.

³You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!

⁵Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

⁶Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

Reading from Holy Scripture

Luke 22:31–34

³¹“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” ³³Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” ³⁴Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

Reading from the Small Catechism

The Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God’s will done? God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

This is His good and gracious will.

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. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same 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: 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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