

Night Prayer (Compline) for Earth Hour

Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen**

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection may follow calling to mind the fragile earth, our home and our calling to be stewards of God's creation.

The following or other suitable words of penitence may be used

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us.
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others,
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The following or another suitable hymn may be sung

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Tread underfoot our deadly foe
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath
Our souls are raised to life from death.

The Word of God
Psalmody

Psalm 96

¹Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

²Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell out his salvation from day to day.

³Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

⁴For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the nations are but idols;
it is the Lord who made the heavens.

⁶Honour and majesty are before him;
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.

⁸Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

⁹O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

¹⁰Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king.
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

¹²Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them;
let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.

¹³For he comes, he comes to judge the earth;
with righteousness he will judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And shall be for ever. Amen**

Scripture Reading

The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

(Romans 8: 19-23)

Responsory

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
I commend my spirit.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Gospel Canticle

The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung

**Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

¹Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

²My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

³A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

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Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

Prayer of repentance over climate change *(by Louise Rapaud)*

Gracious God,

We thank you for your creation, for giving us the air, water and food we need to live. We thank you that you loved the world so much that you sent your Son Jesus Christ to live among us as a human being.

All around us, we see and feel the suffering of your wondrous creation as a result of our actions. Forgive us for not living in harmony with your world as you asked us to do.

Grant us the courage to face climate change, and to acknowledge that our daily desires for more have led to disastrous consequences.

Grant us the will to do all that we can to protect your creation; to reduce our consumption of energy, of meat and of material goods. In doing so, grant us joy in sharing earth's resources with the poor, with those already suffering from climate change and with future generations.

Give us the wisdom as citizens to actively support our leaders in implementing policies to protect your creation.

Give us the clarity to understand the importance of our daily, individual actions as Christians, as consumers, citizens, relatives, friends and colleagues, as we seek to preserve your creation and make the world a fairer place.

Have mercy on us, and guide us by your Holy Spirit to simplify our lives. For Jesus Christ's sake,

Amen.

The Collect

God our Father,
we thank you for the wonders of your creation:
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts
that we may serve the common good,
maintain the fabric of our world
and seek that justice where all may share
the good things you pour upon us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

Come with the dawning of the day
and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.

May God bless us,
that in us may be found love and humility,
obedience and thanksgiving,
discipline, gentleness and peace.
Amen