

For the peace of the whole world, we pray to you:
God of grace, hear our prayer.

For those who are weary, sleepless, or depressed, we pray to you:

God of grace, hear our prayer.

For those who are hungry, sick, or frightened, we pray to you:

God of grace, hear our prayer.

For rest and refreshment, we pray to you:

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, support us all the day long of this earthly life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then, O God, in your mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest,
and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OUR FATHER...:

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
Amen.

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Christ Church Rawdon

NIGHT PRAYER



Located in the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Huron-Wendat people

The God of peace grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**
Our help is in the name of the Lord, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

The angels of God guard us through the night,
and quiet the powers of darkness.

The Spirit of God be our guide, **to lead us to peace and to glory.**
It is but lost labour that we haste to rise up early, and so late take our rest,
and eat the bread of anxiety. **For those beloved of God**
are given gifts even while they sleep.

We have wounded your love. **O God, heal us.**

We stumble in the darkness. **Light of the world, transfigure us.**

We forget that we are your home. **Spirit of God, dwell in us.**
Eternal Spirit, **living God, in whom we live and move and have our being,**
all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you.

In the very secret of our hearts you know all that rises to trouble us.
Living flame, burn into us. Cleansing wind, blow through us.
Fountain of water, well up within us; that we may love and praise
in deed and in truth. Amen.

Phos Hilaron

[this is the first Christian Hymn, written around the year 150-200]
Sung to the melody Tallis Canon, CP 014

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,
in you the Father's glory shone.
Immortal, holy, blest is he,
and blest are you, his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit; God
who dwells in the eternal light.

**Worthy are you of endless praise,
O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;
wherefore you are through all the earth
and in the highest heaven adored.**

The Psalm

Week 1: #8; Week 2: #4; Week 3: #16; Week 4: #23;
Week 5: #42; Week 6: #31; Week 7: #139

The Reading

Week 1: Revelation 22.1–5; Week 2: Ezekiel 36.24–26;
Week 3: Matthew 11.28–30; Week 4: 2 Corinthians 4.6–10;
Week 5: Ephesians 3.16–19; Week 6: Philippians 2.5–11;
Week 7: Hebrews 4.9–11a

Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit;
For you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.

Keep us, O God, as the apple of your eye;
Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Preserve us, O God, waking, **and guard us sleeping;**
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.

The Song of Simeon [Luke 2.29–32]

Sung to the melody Eventide, CP 024

**Lord God, you now have set your servant free,
to go in peace as promised in your word;
My eyes have seen the Saviour, Christ the Lord,
prepared by you for all the world to see.**

**All praise to you, the Father, Spirit, One;
who in your grace did send your blessed Son,
to shine on nations trapped in darkest night,
the glory of your people, and their light.**

INTERCESSIONS:

Lord it is night. The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done; let it be.

The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world
and of our own lives rest in you.

The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys, new possibilities.

In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Come, O Spirit of God, and make within us your dwelling place and home.

May our darkness be dispelled by your light,
and our troubles calmed by your peace;
may all evils be redeemed by your love,
all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ,
and all dying glorified by his risen life. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear God, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying,
soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;
and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the earth
which nurtures us and the life we live.

Watch over those, both night and day,
who work while others sleep,
and grant that we may never forget
that our common life depends upon each other's toil;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**