**An Order for Compline \* March**

# Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love(Joel 2:13)

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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 of 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.**

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**O Father, O Son, O Holy Spirit,**  
**forgive me my sins.  
O only-begotten Son of the heavenly Father,  
forgive.  
O God who is one,  
O God who is true,  
O God who is first,  
O God who is one substance,  
O God only mighty,  
in three Persons, truly merciful,  
forgive.**

**\* O God of life, this night,  
O darken not to me Thy light.**

**\* O God of life, this night,  
close not Thy gladness to my sight.**

\* Keep Your people, Lord,  
in the arms of Your embrace.  
Shelter them under Your wings.

\* **Be our light in darkness.  
Be our hope in distress.  
Be our calm in anxiety.**

\* Be strength in weakness.

\* Be comfort in pain.

\* Be our song in the night.

**Psalm 134**  Eccenunc  
   
1    Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, \*  
   you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.  
   
**2    Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord; \*  
   the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.  
   
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  \*  
   as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**   
   
*Officiant*.  Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;  
*People***.  For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.***Officiant*.  Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;  
*People*.  **Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**  
   
Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy**.**  
Lord, have mercy.  
   
**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.**                             
   
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     Lord, hear our prayer;

**And let our cry come to you**.

     Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O God,and come among us.Heal our wounds,calm our fears, and give us peace;through Jesus our Redeemer.  **Amen**.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**  For the peace of the whole world:  **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

For those who are weary, sleepless or depressed:  **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

For those who are hungry, sick or frightened:  **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

For rest and refreshment:  **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

The officiant concludes the intercessions and thanksgivings with

**All our dear ones, O God, bless Thou and keep,  
in every place where they are.**

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**Christ died for us,**

**so that, whether we wake or sleep,**

**we might live with him.**

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
   to go in peace as you have promised;  
   
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
   whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
   
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
   and the glory of your people Israel.  
   
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
   as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Christ died for us,**

**so that, whether we wake or sleep,**

**we might live with him.**

**In peace will I lie down, for it is You, O Lord,**  
**You alone who makes me to rest secure.**

\* Be it on Your own beloved arm,  
O God of grace, that I in peace shall awake.

**Be the peace of the Spirit**  
**ours this night.**  
**Be the peace of the Son  
ours this night.  
Be the peace of the Father**  
**ours this night.**

**The peace of all peace  
be ours this night  
+ in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**