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Monday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Monday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2 (NIV UK)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*When I thought, "My foot is slipping,"
your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.
When the cares of my heart are many,
your consolations cheer my soul.
Psalm 94: 18-19 (NRSV)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

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may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2 (NIV UK)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.
I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
I will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.
Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.
Psalm 63: 1-8 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*Humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.
James 4:7-8 (NLT)*

Father God, would You shine a spotlight now on the shadows of my motivation and the darkness of my deeds. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

God of grace, thank You that when I confess my sins, You are faithful and just, forgiving and purifying me from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2 (NIV UK)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Peace I leave with You;
my peace I give You.
John 14:27a (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2 (NIVUK)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the twentieth century Scottish theologian, John Baillie (1886 – 1960):

*O Lord you are from everlasting to everlasting; I turn my thoughts to you as the hours of darkness and of sleep begin. O sun of my soul, I rejoice to know that all night I shall be under the watchful eye of the one who dwells in eternal light. Into your care, Father, I now entrust my body and soul. **

*John Baillie, A Diary of Private Prayer, p5

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

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Tuesday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Tuesday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.

Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.

Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5: 7 (NIV UK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.*

*I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.
Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.
Psalm 130:5-8 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*Rend your heart
and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love.
Joel 2: 13 (NIV UK)*

Father God, would you remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today in thought, in word or in deed. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

Loving Lord Jesus, thank You for bearing my sins in your body on the cross. By your wounds I am healed and by your blood I am cleansed (1 Peter 2:24). I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*‘I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you,
Do not fear; I will help you.’
Isaiah 41:13 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, ‘in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.’(Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the 20th Century Albanian Nobel Laureate Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910 – 1997):

*Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine.**

*Daily prayer of St. Teresa of Calcutta as cited in: A. Campolo, A. M Darling, T. Campolo, Connecting Like Jesus. (United Kingdom: Wiley, 2010) p.28

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest,
trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

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Wednesday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Wednesday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For you have been my refuge.

Psalms 61:2-3 (NIV UK)

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

Come Holy Spirit to my mind,

I receive Your comfort.

Come Holy Spirit to my heart,

I receive Your peace.

Come Holy Spirit to my soul,

I receive the Father's love for me.

Pause

Cast your cares on the Lord

and he will sustain you;

he will never let

the righteous be shaken.

Psalms 55: 22 (NIV UK)

Pause

Refrain of the Day

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For you have been my refuge.

Psalms 61:2-3

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*He made the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows when to go down.*

*How many are your works, Lord!
In wisdom you made them all;*

*May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works...*

*I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the Lord.*

Psalms 104: 19, 24, 31 & 33-34 (NIV UK)

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*‘Return to me,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘and I will return to you’
Zechariah 1:3b (NIV UK)*

*Father God, would You remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today through negligence,
through weakness, or my own deliberate fault. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.*

Pause and pray

*God of grace, thank You that when I was lost, You found me and when I was ashamed You forgave me,
nailing the accusations against me to the cross (Colossians 2:13-14). I receive Your forgiveness now.*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
For you have been my refuge.
Psalm 61:2-3 (NIV UK)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed.
Isaiah 54:10 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For you have been my refuge.

Psalm 61:2-3 (NIV UK)

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the 5th century North African Bishop Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430):

All shall be Amen and Alleluia.

We shall rest and we shall see,

We shall see and we shall know,

We shall know and we shall love,

We shall love and we shall praise.

*Behold our end which is no end.**

*Augustine, cited by Desmond Tutu, An African Prayer Book (United Kingdom, Crown Publishing Group, 2009) p.33

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your REST, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

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Thursday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Thursday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.
Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*You have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."
Romans 8:15 (NLT)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.
Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!
The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
He heals the broken-hearted
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.
Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit...*

*His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;
the Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.
Psalm 147: 1-5 & 10-11 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do.
1 Peter 1: 15 (NIV UK)*

Father God, would You shine a spotlight now on the shadows of my motivation and the darkness of my deeds. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

God of grace, thank You that when I confess my sins, You are faithful and just, forgiving and purifying me from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.
Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Do not fear for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name;*

you are mine
Isaiah 43:1 (NIV UK)

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.
Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with a Night Prayer from the ancient monastic Liturgy of the Hours:

*In your mercy Lord,
Dispel the darkness of this night.
Let your household so sleep in peace,
That at the dawn of a new day,
They may, with joy, waken in your name.
Through Christ our Lord.**

* Phyllis Tickle, *The Night Offices: Prayers for the Hours from Sunset to Sunrise*. (United States, Oxford University Press, USA, 2006) p.35

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your REST, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

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Friday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Friday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever
Psalm 73: 26 (NLT)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.
Deuteronomy 7:9 (NIV UK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever
Psalm 73: 26 (NLT)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
who find great delight in his commands.
Their children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.*

*Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.
Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
Surely the righteous will never be shaken;
they will be remembered for ever.
They will have no fear of bad news;
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear.
Psalm 112: 1b-8a (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*You are to be holy... because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart.
Leviticus 20:26 (NIV UK)*

*Father God, would You remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today through negligence,
through weakness, or my own deliberate fault. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.*

Pause and pray

*Loving Lord Jesus, thank You for bearing my sins in Your body on the cross. By Your wounds I am healed
and by your blood I am cleansed (1 Peter 2:24). I receive Your forgiveness now.*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever
Psalm 73: 26 (NLT)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*'I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.'
Isaiah 46:4 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever
Psalm 73: 26 (NLT)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with a Night Prayer from the Iona Community in Scotland:

*Bless to us, O God, the moon that is above us,
The earth that is beneath us, the friends who are around us,
Your image deep within us, the REST which is before us. **

*From A Wee Worship Book, Iona Community as cited in Daily Prayer by Bruce Carlin and Tom Jamieson, p.167

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your REST, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

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Saturday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Saturday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*I'm in the very presence of God—
oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 (MSG)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13 (NIV UK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*I'm in the very presence of God—
oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 (MSG)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*I call with all my heart; answer me, Lord,
and I will obey your decrees.
I call out to you; save me
and I will keep your statutes.
I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I have put my hope in your word.
My eyes stay open through the watches of the night,
that I may meditate on your promises.
Hear my voice in accordance with your love;
preserve my life, Lord, according to your laws.

... you are near, Lord,
and all your commands are true.
Long ago I learned from your statutes
that you established them to last for ever.
Psalm 119: 145-149 & 151-152 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace,
freely makes us right in his sight.
Romans 3:23-24a (NLT)*

*Father God, would You remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today in thought, in word or
in deed. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.*

Pause and pray

*God of grace, thank You that when I was lost, You found me and when I was ashamed You forgave me,
nailing the accusations against me to the cross (Colossians 2:13-14). I receive Your forgiveness now.*

Pause

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yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed.
Isaiah 54:10 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

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oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 (MSG)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the nineteenth century American author and abolitionist, Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896):

*When winds are raging o'er the upper
ocean,
And billows wild contend with angry
roar,
'Tis said, far down, beneath the wild
commotion,
That peaceful stillness reigneth ever-
more...*

*O rest of rests! O peace serene, eternal!
Thou ever livest and Thou changest
never;
And in the secret of Thy presence
dwelleth
Fulness of joy, forever and ever.**

*Harriet Beecher Stowe, as cited in: Susan Hill, *Dangerous Prayers: 50 Powerful Prayers That Changed the World*. (United States, Thomas Nelson, 2019)

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your REST, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 07 2021 (click for audio)

Sunday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Sunday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,
your faithfulness in the evening.*

Psalm 92:2 (NLT)

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.
Isaiah 46: 4 (NIV UK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

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your faithfulness in the evening.*

Psalm 92:2 (NLT)

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord
who minister by night in the house of the Lord.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion,
he who is the Maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 134 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
Psalm 51:1-2 (NIV UK)*

Father God, would You shine a spotlight now on the shadows of my motivation and the darkness of my deeds. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

God of grace, thank You that when I confess my sins, You are faithful and just, forgiving and purifying me from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) I receive Your forgiveness now.

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be with you wherever you go
Joshua 1:9 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.'(Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

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your faithfulness in the evening.*

Psalm 92:2 (NLT)

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the fifteenth century German-Dutch Canon, Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471):

*Above all things and in all things, O my soul, rest always in God,
for He is the everlasting rest of the saints.*

Grant, most sweet and loving Jesus, that I may seek my repose in You...

*For my heart cannot rest or be fully content until,
rising above all gifts and every created thing,
it rests in You.**

*Thomas à Kempis, Imitation of Christ, p. 125

Closing Prayer

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trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 08 2021 (click for audio)

Monday Night Prayer

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REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

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may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
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I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*When I thought, "My foot is slipping,"
your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.
When the cares of my heart are many,
your consolations cheer my soul.
Psalm 94: 18-19 (NRSV)*

Pause

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Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.
I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
I will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.
Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.
Psalm 63: 1-8 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*Humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.
James 4:7-8 (NLT)*

Father God, would You shine a spotlight now on the shadows of my motivation and the darkness of my deeds. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

God of grace, thank You that when I confess my sins, You are faithful and just, forgiving and purifying me from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2 (NIV UK)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Peace I leave with You;
my peace I give You.
John 14:27a (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2 (NIV UK)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now an eighth century prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours:

*Sleep then our eyes, but never sleep
The watchful heaven-directed heart,
And may thy hand in safety keep
The servants whose desires thou art.**

*Tr W.H. Shewring, Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, p10

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest,
trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

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Tuesday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Tuesday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me*

Pause

*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5: 7 (NIV UK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.
I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.
Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.
Psalm 130:5-8 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*Rend your heart
and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love.
Joel 2: 13 (NIV UK)*

Father God, would you remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today in thought, in word or in deed. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

Loving Lord Jesus, thank You for bearing my sins in your body on the cross. By your wounds I am healed and by your blood I am cleansed (1 Peter 2:24). I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*'I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you,
Do not fear; I will help you.'
Isaiah 41:13 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the 19th Century explorer, Priest, and martyr, Charles de Foucauld (1858 – 1916):

*I place my soul in your hands.
I give it to you, my God,
With all the love of my heart
Because I love you.
And for me it is a necessity of love,
This gift of myself,
This placing of myself in your hands
Without reserve
In boundless confidence
Because you are my father.**

* Charles de Foucauld, cited by Desmond Tutu, An African Prayer Book. United Kingdom, Crown Publishing Group, 2009, p104

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.
Amen.

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Wednesday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Wednesday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For you have been my refuge.

Psalms 61:2-3 (NIV UK)

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

Come Holy Spirit to my mind,

I receive Your comfort.

Come Holy Spirit to my heart,

I receive Your peace.

Come Holy Spirit to my soul,

I receive the Father's love for me.

Pause

Cast your cares on the Lord

and he will sustain you;

he will never let

the righteous be shaken.

Psalms 55: 22 (NIV UK)

Pause

Refrain of the Day

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For you have been my refuge.

Psalms 61:2-3 (NIV UK)

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*He made the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows when to go down.*

*How many are your works, Lord!
In wisdom you made them all;*

*May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works...*

*I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the Lord.*

Psalm 104: 19, 24, 31 & 33-34 (NIV UK)

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*‘Return to me,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘and I will return to you’
Zechariah 1:3b (NIV UK)*

*Father God, would You remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today through negligence,
through weakness, or my own deliberate fault. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.*

Pause and pray

*God of grace, thank You that when I was lost, You found me and when I was ashamed You forgave me,
nailing the accusations against me to the cross (Colossians 2:13-14). I receive Your forgiveness now.*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
For you have been my refuge.
Psalm 61:2-3 (NIV UK)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed.
Isaiah 54:10 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For you have been my refuge.

Psalm 61:2-3 (NIV UK)

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the 12th century German writer, composer, polymath, and Benedictine abbess, Hildegard of Bingen (1098 – 1179):

*Holy Spirit,
giving life to all life,
moving all creatures,
root of all things,
washing them clean,
wiping out their mistakes,
healing their wounds,
you are our true life,
luminous, wonderful,
awakening the heart
from its ancient sleep.**

*Hildegard of Bingen in *The Enlightened Heart, An Anthology of Sacred Poetry*, Ed. Stephen Mitchell (New York: Harper and Row, 1989), p42

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 11 2021 (click for audio)

Thursday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Thursday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.
Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*You have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."
Romans 8:15 (NLT)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.
Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!
The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
He heals the broken-hearted
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.
Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit...*

*His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;
the Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.
Psalm 147: 1-5 & 10-11 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do.
1 Peter 1: 15 (NIV UK)*

Father God, would You shine a spotlight now on the shadows of my motivation and the darkness of my deeds. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

God of grace, thank You that when I confess my sins, You are faithful and just, forgiving and purifying me from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.
Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Do not fear for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name;
you are mine
Isaiah 43:1 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.
Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the 20th century African-American gospel musician Thomas Dorsey (1899 – 1993):

*Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me
Home.**

*Thomas Dorsey as cited in: Susan Hill, *Dangerous Prayers: 50 Powerful Prayers That Changed the World*. United States, Thomas Nelson, 2019.

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 12 2021 (click for audio)

Friday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Friday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever.
Psalm 73: 26 (NLT)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.
Deuteronomy 7:9 (NIVUK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever
Psalm 73:26 (NLT)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
who find great delight in his commands.*

*Their children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.*

*Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.*

*Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice.*

*Surely the righteous will never be shaken;
they will be remembered for ever.*

*They will have no fear of bad news;
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.*

Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear.

Psalms 112: 1b-8a (NIV UK)

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

You are to be holy... because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart.

Leviticus 20:26 (NIV UK)

*Father God, would You remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today through negligence,
through weakness, or my own deliberate fault. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.*

Pause and pray

*Loving Lord Jesus, thank You for bearing my sins in Your body on the cross. By Your wounds I am healed
and by your blood I am cleansed (1 Peter 2:24). I receive Your forgiveness now.*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever*

Psalms 73: 26 (NLT)

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

'I am he who will sustain you.

I have made you and I will carry you

I will sustain you and I will rescue you.'

Isaiah 46:4 (NIV UK)

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever
Psalm 73:26 (NLT)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with a Night Prayer from Common Prayer: A liturgy for Ordinary Radicals:

*Walk in the light, the beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus the light of the world.*

*Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
And our eyes behold the evening light,
We sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **

*Common Prayer: A liturgy for Ordinary Radicals by Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, and Enuma Okuro, (Zondervan: Michigan, 2010), p28-29

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 13 2021 (click for audio)

Saturday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Saturday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*I'm in the very presence of God—
oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 (MSG)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13 (NIV UK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*I'm in the very presence of God—
oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 (MSG)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*I call with all my heart; answer me, Lord,
and I will obey your decrees.
I call out to you; save me
and I will keep your statutes.
I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I have put my hope in your word.
My eyes stay open through the watches of the night,
that I may meditate on your promises.
Hear my voice in accordance with your love;
preserve my life, Lord, according to your laws.

... you are near, Lord,
and all your commands are true.
Long ago I learned from your statutes
that you established them to last for ever.
Psalm 119: 145-149 & 151-152 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace,
freely makes us right in his sight.
Romans 3:23-24a (NLT)*

*Father God, would You remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today in thought, in word or
in deed. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.*

Pause and pray

*God of grace, thank You that when I was lost, You found me and when I was ashamed You forgave me,
nailing the accusations against me to the cross (Colossians 2:13-14). I receive Your forgiveness now.*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*I'm in the very presence of God—
oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 (MSG)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed.
Isaiah 54:10 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*I'm in the very presence of God—
oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 (MSG)*

Night prayer of the Church

I receive a blessing from the 20th century martyr, Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador (1917 – 1980):

*Christianity discerns that beyond the night
The dawn already glows.
The hope that does not fail is carried in the heart.
Christ goes with us!**

* Oscar Romero, *The Violence of Love*, (Orbis Books: New York, 2004) p 165

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.
Amen.

November 14 2021 (click for audio)

Sunday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Sunday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,
your faithfulness in the evening.*

Psalms 92:2 (NLT)

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.
Isaiah 46: 4 (NIV UK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,
your faithfulness in the evening.*

Psalms 92:2(NLT)

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord
who minister by night in the house of the Lord.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion,
he who is the Maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 134 (NIV UK)*

Pause

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
Psalm 51:1-2 (NIV UK)*

Father God, would You shine a spotlight now on the shadows of my motivation and the darkness of my deeds. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

God of grace, thank You that when I confess my sins, You are faithful and just, forgiving and purifying me from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,
your faithfulness in the evening.
Psalm 92:2 (NLT)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will
be with you wherever you go
Joshua 1:9 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.'(Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,
your faithfulness in the evening.*

Psalm 92:2 (NLT)

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now a Night Prayer from the ancient Night Offices of the Church:

*Now guide me waking, O Lord,
and guard me sleeping;
that awake I may watch with Christ,
and asleep I may rest in peace.**

** Phyllis Tickle, The Night Offices: Prayers for the Hours from Sunset to Sunrise. United States, Oxford University Press, 2006. p 257*

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 15 2021 (click for audio)

Monday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Monday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2 (NIV UK)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*When I thought, "My foot is slipping,"
your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.
When the cares of my heart are many,
your consolations cheer my soul.
Psalm 94: 18-19 (NRSV)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2 (NIV UK)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.
I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
I will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.
Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.
Psalm 63: 1-8 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*Humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.
James 4:7-8 (NLT)*

Father God, would You shine a spotlight now on the shadows of my motivation and the darkness of my deeds. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

God of grace, thank You that when I confess my sins, You are faithful and just, forgiving and purifying me from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2 (NIV UK)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Peace I leave with You;
my peace I give You.
John 14:27a (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2 (NIV UK)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the twentieth century Scottish theologian, John Baillie (1886 – 1960):

*O Lord you are from everlasting to everlasting; I turn my thoughts to you as the hours of darkness and of sleep begin. O sun of my soul, I rejoice to know that all night I shall be under the watchful eye of the one who dwells in eternal light. Into your care, Father, I now entrust my body and soul.**

*John Baillie, A Diary of Private Prayer, p5

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 16 2021 (click for audio)

Tuesday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Tuesday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5: 7 (NIV UK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.*

*I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.
Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.
Psalm 130:5-8 ((NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*Rend your heart
and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love.
Joel 2: 13 (NIV UK)*

Father God, would you remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today in thought, in word or in deed. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

Loving Lord Jesus, thank You for bearing my sins in your body on the cross. By your wounds I am healed and by your blood I am cleansed (1 Peter 2:24). I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*'I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you,
Do not fear; I will help you.'
Isaiah 41:13 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.'(Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the 20th Century Albanian Nobel Laureate Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910 – 1997):

*Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine.**

*Daily prayer of St. Teresa of Calcutta as cited in: A. Campolo, A. M Darling, T. Campolo, Connecting Like Jesus. (United Kingdom: Wiley, 2010) p.28

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest,
trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 17 2021 (click for audio)

Wednesday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Wednesday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For you have been my refuge.

Psalms 61:2-3 (NIV UK)

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

Come Holy Spirit to my mind,

I receive Your comfort.

Come Holy Spirit to my heart,

I receive Your peace.

Come Holy Spirit to my soul,

I receive the Father's love for me.

Pause

Cast your cares on the Lord

and he will sustain you;

he will never let

the righteous be shaken.

Psalms 55: 22 (NIV UK)

Pause

Refrain of the Day

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For you have been my refuge.

Psalms 61:2-3 (NIV UK)

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*He made the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows when to go down.*

*How many are your works, Lord!
In wisdom you made them all;
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works...*

*I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the Lord.
Psalm 104: 19, 24, 31 & 33-34 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*‘Return to me,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘and I will return to you’
Zechariah 1:3b (NIV UK)*

*Father God, would You remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today through negligence,
through weakness, or my own deliberate fault. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.*

Pause and pray

*God of grace, thank You that when I was lost, You found me and when I was ashamed You forgave me,
nailing the accusations against me to the cross (Colossians 2:13-14). I receive Your forgiveness now.*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
For you have been my refuge.
Psalm 61:2-3 (NIV UK)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed.
Isaiah 54:10 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, ‘in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.’ (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
For you have been my refuge.
Psalm 61:2-3 (NIV UK)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the 5th century North African Bishop Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430):

*All shall be Amen and Alleluia.
We shall rest and we shall see,
We shall see and we shall know,
We shall know and we shall love,
We shall love and we shall praise.
Behold our end which is no end.**

*Augustine, cited by Desmond Tutu, An African Prayer Book (United Kingdom, Crown Publishing Group, 2009) p.33

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 18 2021 (click for audio)

Thursday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Thursday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.*

Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

You have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:15 (NLT)

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.*

Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!*

*The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
He heals the broken-hearted
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.
Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit...*

*His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;
the Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.
Psalm 147: 1-5 & 10-11 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do.
1 Peter 1: 15 (NIV UK)*

Father God, would You shine a spotlight now on the shadows of my motivation and the darkness of my deeds. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

God of grace, thank You that when I confess my sins, You are faithful and just, forgiving and purifying me from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.
Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Do not fear for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name;
you are mine
Isaiah 43:1 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.
Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with a Night Prayer from the ancient monastic Liturgy of the Hours:

*In your mercy Lord,
Dispel the darkness of this night.
Let your household so sleep in peace,
That at the dawn of a new day,
They may, with joy, waken in your name.
Through Christ our Lord.**

* Phyllis Tickle, *The Night Offices: Prayers for the Hours from Sunset to Sunrise*. (United States, Oxford University Press, USA, 2006) p.35

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.
Amen.

November 19 2021 (click for audio)

Friday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Friday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever
Psalm 73: 26 (NLT)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.
Deuteronomy 7:9 (NIV UK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever
Psalm 73: 26 (NLT)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
who find great delight in his commands.*

*Their children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.*

*Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.*

*Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice.*

*Surely the righteous will never be shaken;
they will be remembered for ever.*

*They will have no fear of bad news;
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.*

Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear.

Psalm 112: 1b-8a (NIV UK)

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

You are to be holy... because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart.

Leviticus 20:26 (NIV UK)

*Father God, would You remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today through negligence,
through weakness, or my own deliberate fault. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.*

Pause and pray

*Loving Lord Jesus, thank You for bearing my sins in Your body on the cross. By Your wounds I am healed
and by your blood I am cleansed (1 Peter 2:24). I receive Your forgiveness now.*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever*

Psalm 73: 26 (NLT)

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

'I am he who will sustain you.

I have made you and I will carry you

I will sustain you and I will rescue you.'

Isaiah 46:4 (NIV UK)

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever
Psalm 73: 26 (NLT)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with a Night Prayer from the Iona Community in Scotland:

*Bless to us, O God, the moon that is above us,
The earth that is beneath us, the friends who are around us,
Your image deep within us, the rest which is before us.**

**From A Wee Worship Book, Iona Community as cited in Daily Prayer by Bruce Carlin and Tom Jamieson, p.167*

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 20 2021 (click for audio)

Saturday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Saturday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*I'm in the very presence of God—
oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 (MSG)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13 (NIV UK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*I'm in the very presence of God—
oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 ((MSG)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*I call with all my heart; answer me, Lord,
and I will obey your decrees.
I call out to you; save me
and I will keep your statutes.
I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I have put my hope in your word.
My eyes stay open through the watches of the night,
that I may meditate on your promises.
Hear my voice in accordance with your love;
preserve my life, Lord, according to your laws.

... you are near, Lord,
and all your commands are true.
Long ago I learned from your statutes
that you established them to last for ever.
Psalm 119: 145-149 & 151-152 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace,
freely makes us right in his sight.
Romans 3:23-24a (NLT)*

*Father God, would You remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today in thought, in word or
in deed. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.*

Pause and pray

*God of grace, thank You that when I was lost, You found me and when I was ashamed You forgave me,
nailing the accusations against me to the cross (Colossians 2:13-14). I receive Your forgiveness now.*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*I'm in the very presence of God—
oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 (MSG)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed.
Isaiah 54:10)NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*I'm in the very presence of God—
oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 (MSG)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the nineteenth century American author and abolitionist, Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896):

*When winds are raging o'er the upper
ocean,
And billows wild contend with angry
roar,
'Tis said, far down, beneath the wild
commotion,
That peaceful stillness reigneth ever-
more...*

*O rest of rests! O peace serene, eternal!
Thou ever livest and Thou changest
never;
And in the secret of Thy presence
dwelleth
Fulness of joy, forever and ever.**

*Harriet Beecher Stowe, as cited in: Susan Hill, *Dangerous Prayers: 50 Powerful Prayers That Changed the World*. (United States, Thomas Nelson, 2019)

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 21 2021 (click for audio)

Sunday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Sunday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,
your faithfulness in the evening.*

Psalms 92:2 (NLT)

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.
Isaiah 46: 4 (NIV UK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,
your faithfulness in the evening.*

Psalms 92:2 (NLT)

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord
who minister by night in the house of the Lord.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion,
he who is the Maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 134 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
Psalm 51:1-2 (NIV UK)*

Father God, would You shine a spotlight now on the shadows of my motivation and the darkness of my deeds. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

God of grace, thank You that when I confess my sins, You are faithful and just, forgiving and purifying me from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,
your faithfulness in the evening.
Psalm 92:2 (NLT)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will
be with you wherever you go
Joshua 1:9 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.'(Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning,
your faithfulness in the evening.*

Psalm 92:2 (NLT)

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the fifteenth century German-Dutch Canon, Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471):

*Above all things and in all things, O my soul, rest always in God,
for He is the everlasting rest of the saints.*

Grant, most sweet and loving Jesus, that I may seek my repose in You...

*For my heart cannot rest or be fully content until,
rising above all gifts and every created thing,
it rests in You.**

*Thomas à Kempis, Imitation of Christ, p. 125

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest,
trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 22 2021 (click for audio)

Monday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Monday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2 (NIV UK)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*When I thought, "My foot is slipping,"
your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.
When the cares of my heart are many,
your consolations cheer my soul.
Psalm 94: 18-19 (NRSV)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2 (NIV UK)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.
I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
I will be satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.
Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.
Psalm 63: 1-8 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*Humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.
James 4:7-8 (NLT)*

Father God, would You shine a spotlight now on the shadows of my motivation and the darkness of my deeds. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

God of grace, thank You that when I confess my sins, You are faithful and just, forgiving and purifying me from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2 (NIV UK)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Peace I leave with You;
my peace I give You.
John 14:27a (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*May my prayer be set before you like incense;
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.
Psalm 141:2 (NIV UK)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now an eighth century prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours:

*Sleep then our eyes, but never sleep
The watchful heaven-directed heart,
And may thy hand in safety keep
The servants whose desires thou art. **

**Tr W.H. Shewring, Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, p10*

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest,
trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 23 2021 (click for audio)

Tuesday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Tuesday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.

Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.

Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me*

Pause

*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5: 7 (NIV UK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.
I wait for the Lord*

*more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.
Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.
Psalm 130:5-8 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*Rend your heart
and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love.
Joel 2: 13 (NIV UK)*

Father God, would you remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today in thought, in word or in deed. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

Loving Lord Jesus, thank You for bearing my sins in your body on the cross. By your wounds I am healed and by your blood I am cleansed (1 Peter 2:24). I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*'I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you,
Do not fear; I will help you.'
Isaiah 41:13 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.
Let them sing for joy as they lie on their beds.
Psalm 149:5 (NLT)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the 19th Century explorer, Priest, and martyr, Charles de Foucauld (1858 – 1916):

*I place my soul in your hands.
I give it to you, my God,
With all the love of my heart
Because I love you.
And for me it is a necessity of love,
This gift of myself,
This placing of myself in your hands
Without reserve
In boundless confidence*

*Because you are my father.**

* Charles de Foucauld, cited by Desmond Tutu, *An African Prayer Book*. United Kingdom, Crown Publishing Group, 2009, p104

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 24 2021 (click for audio)

Wednesday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Wednesday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For you have been my refuge.

Psalms 61:2-3 (NIV UK)

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

Come Holy Spirit to my mind,

I receive Your comfort.

Come Holy Spirit to my heart,

I receive Your peace.

Come Holy Spirit to my soul,

I receive the Father's love for me.

Pause

Cast your cares on the Lord

and he will sustain you;

he will never let

the righteous be shaken.

Psalms 55: 22 (NIV UK)

Pause

Refrain of the Day

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For you have been my refuge.

Psalms 61:2-3 (NIV UK)

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*He made the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows when to go down.*

*How many are your works, Lord!
In wisdom you made them all;*

*May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works...*

*I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the Lord.*

Psalms 104: 19, 24, 31 & 33-34 (NIV UK)

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*‘Return to me,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘and I will return to you’
Zechariah 1:3b (NIVUK)*

*Father God, would You remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today through negligence,
through weakness, or my own deliberate fault. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.*

Pause and pray

*God of grace, thank You that when I was lost, You found me and when I was ashamed You forgave me,
nailing the accusations against me to the cross (Colossians 2:13-14). I receive Your forgiveness now.*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
For you have been my refuge.
Psalm 61:2-3 (NIV UK)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed.
Isaiah 54:10 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, ‘in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.’ (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
For you have been my refuge.
Psalm 61:2-3 (NIV UK)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the 12th century German writer, composer, polymath, and Benedictine abbess, Hildegard of Bingen (1098 – 1179):

*Holy Spirit,
giving life to all life,
moving all creatures,
root of all things,
washing them clean,
wiping out their mistakes,
healing their wounds,
you are our true life,
luminous, wonderful,
awakening the heart
from its ancient sleep.**

*Hildegard of Bingen in *The Enlightened Heart, An Anthology of Sacred Poetry*, Ed. Stephen Mitchell (New York: Harper and Row, 1989), p42

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.
Amen.

November 25 2021 (click for audio)

Thursday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Thursday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.*

Psalm 74: 16 (NIVUK)

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

You have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:15 (NLT)

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.*

Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!
The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
He heals the broken-hearted
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.
Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit...*

*His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;
the Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.
Psalm 147: 1-5 & 10-11 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do.
1 Peter 1: 15 (NIV UK)*

Father God, would You shine a spotlight now on the shadows of my motivation and the darkness of my deeds. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

God of grace, thank You that when I confess my sins, You are faithful and just, forgiving and purifying me from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.
Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Do not fear for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name;
you are mine
Isaiah 43:1 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*The day is yours, and yours also the night;
you established the sun and moon.
Psalm 74: 16 (NIV UK)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with the 20th century African-American gospel musician Thomas Dorsey (1899 – 1993):

*Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me
Home.**

*Thomas Dorsey as cited in: Susan Hill, *Dangerous Prayers: 50 Powerful Prayers That Changed the World*. United States, Thomas Nelson, 2019.

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 26 2021 (click for audio)

Friday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Friday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever.
Psalm 73: 26 (NLT)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.
Deuteronomy 7:9 (NIV UK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever
Psalm 73:26 (NIV UK)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
who find great delight in his commands.
Their children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.*

*Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.
Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
Surely the righteous will never be shaken;
they will be remembered for ever.
They will have no fear of bad news;
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear.
Psalm 112: 1b-8a (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*You are to be holy... because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart.
Leviticus 20:26 (NIV UK)*

*Father God, would You remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today through negligence,
through weakness, or my own deliberate fault. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.*

Pause and pray

*Loving Lord Jesus, thank You for bearing my sins in Your body on the cross. By Your wounds I am healed
and by your blood I am cleansed (1 Peter 2:24). I receive Your forgiveness now.*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever
Psalm 73: 26 (NLT)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*'I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.'*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever
Psalm 73:26 (NLT)*

Night prayer of the Church

I pray now with a Night Prayer from Common Prayer: A liturgy for Ordinary Radicals:

*Walk in the light, the beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus the light of the world.*

*Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
And our eyes behold the evening light,
We sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **

*Common Prayer: A liturgy for Ordinary Radicals by Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, and Enuma Okuro, (Zondervan: Michigan, 2010), p28-29

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.

Amen.

November 27 2021 (click for audio)

Saturday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Saturday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*I'm in the very presence of God—
oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 (MSG)*

Slowing my breath and relinquishing my worries, I open my hands to pray...

*Come Holy Spirit to my mind,
I receive Your comfort.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my heart,
I receive Your peace.*

*Come Holy Spirit to my soul,
I receive the Father's love for me.*

Pause

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13 (NIV UK)*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*I'm in the very presence of God—
oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 (MSG)*

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, Lord, show me where You were at work in my life. In what ways did I experience Your goodness and when did I hear You speak?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*I call with all my heart; answer me, Lord,
and I will obey your decrees.
I call out to you; save me
and I will keep your statutes.
I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I have put my hope in your word.
My eyes stay open through the watches of the night,
that I may meditate on your promises.
Hear my voice in accordance with your love;
preserve my life, Lord, according to your laws.

... you are near, Lord,
and all your commands are true.
Long ago I learned from your statutes
that you established them to last for ever.
Psalm 119: 145-149 & 151-152 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace,
freely makes us right in his sight.
Romans 3:23-24a (NLT)*

*Father God, would You remind me now of the ways in which I have sinned today in thought, in word or
in deed. I take a moment to confess my sins before You now.*

Pause and pray

*God of grace, thank You that when I was lost, You found me and when I was ashamed You forgave me,
nailing the accusations against me to the cross (Colossians 2:13-14). I receive Your forgiveness now.*

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*I'm in the very presence of God—
oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 (MSG)*

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

*Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed.
Isaiah 54:10 (NIV UK)*

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*I'm in the very presence of God—
oh, how refreshing it is!
I've made Lord God my home.
Psalm 73: 28 (MSG)*

Night prayer of the Church

I receive a blessing from the 20th century martyr, Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador (1917 – 1980):

*Christianity discerns that beyond the night
The dawn already glows.
The hope that does not fail is carried in the heart.
Christ goes with us!**

* Oscar Romero, *The Violence of Love*, (Orbis Books: New York, 2004) p 165

Closing Prayer

God of all seasons, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now in the resurrection to come.
Amen.

November 28 2021 (click for audio)

Sunday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Sunday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, I still my soul to spend this time with You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

Because the heart of our God is full of mercy towards us, the first light of Heaven shall come to visit us—to shine on those who lie in darkness and under the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the path of peace.

Luke 1:78-79 (PHILLIPS)

Pause

*Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.*

*They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*

Isaiah 40: 30-31 (NIV UK)

Pause

REJOICE

Reflecting on the day that has passed, when did I experience Your goodness and how did You show me your love?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

Zechariah's prophecy over his newborn baby boy, John the Baptist:

*And you, my child, "Prophet of the Highest,"
will go ahead of the Master to prepare his ways,
Present the offer of salvation to his people,
the forgiveness of their sins.
Through the heartfelt mercies of our God,
God's Sunrise will break in upon us,
Shining on those in the darkness,
those sitting in the shadow of death,
Then showing us the way, one foot at a time,*

down the path of peace.
Luke 1:76-79 (MSG)

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

*The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.*
Isaiah 9:2

In this season, awaiting the light of Christmas, I confess any specific ways in which I have walked in darkness today.

Pause and pray

God of grace, thank You that when I confess my sins, You are faithful and just, forgiving and purifying me from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

Because the heart of our God is full of mercy towards us, the first light of Heaven shall come to visit us—to shine on those who lie in darkness and under the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the path of peace.
Luke 1:78-79 (PHILLIPS)

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you.”
Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NIV UK)

REST

And so, ‘in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.’(Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

Because the heart of our God is full of mercy towards us, the first light of Heaven shall come to visit us—to shine on those who lie in darkness and under the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the path of peace.
Luke 1:78-79 (PHILLIPS)

Advent hymn of the Church

*I worship now in the words of an ancient Advent hymn**

*'Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel: an ancient monastic hymn (antiphon 'Veni, veni Emmanuel') translated into English in 1861 by John Mason Neale

*O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Closing Prayer

God of this Advent season, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now that your Son who came at Christmas, will come again in glory, Amen.

November 29 2021 (click for audio)

Monday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Monday will soon be over. And so, in this Advent season of waiting and watching, I prepare my soul to welcome You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

...the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

1 John 2:8b (NIV UK)

Pause

In all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 (NIV UK)

Pause

REJOICE

Remembering the day that has passed, in what ways did You show me your love?

Pause and pray

Night Scripture

*The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.
For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
Isaiah 9: 2,6 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world... and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

John 1:9-10 (NIV UK)

In this season of darkness, awaiting the light of Christmas, I confess any specific ways in which I have neglected or rejected You in my life today.

Pause and pray

Loving Lord Jesus, thank You for bearing my sins in Your body on the cross. By Your wounds I am healed and by Your blood I am cleansed (1 Peter 2:24). I receive Your forgiveness now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

...the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

1 John 2:8b (NIV UK)

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

For the sake of his great name the Lord will not reject his people, because the Lord was pleased to make you his own.

1 Samuel 12:22 (NIV UK)

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

...the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

1 John 2:8b (NIV UK)

Advent hymn of the Church

I worship now with a twenty first century Advent hymn of the Church*

* Into the Light, written in 2020 by Emmaus Rd Worship:

All who are weary

All who are weak

All those who come with no words left to speak

Come let the Son wash the dust from your feet

Come into the light

All who are mourning

All who have pain

All those who come who are burdened with shame

Come let the Son take the weight of your chains

*Come into the light
Ours is the God of the lost and the broken
His is the home with doors flung wide open
Ours is the Savior who welcomes us in
Come into the light.*

Closing Prayer

God of this Advent season, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now that Your Son who came at Christmas, will come again in glory, Amen.

November 30 2021 (click for audio)

Tuesday Night Prayer

The day is done, the night has come, Tuesday will soon be over. And so, in this Advent season of waiting and watching, I prepare my soul to welcome You.

REFLECT

Refrain of the Day

*Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.
Luke 2:14 (NIV UK)*

Pause

*You, Lord, keep my lamp burning;
my God turns my darkness into light.
With your help I can advance against a troop,
with my God I can scale a wall.
Psalm 18:28-29 (NIV UK)*

Pause

REJOICE

Remembering the day that has passed, in what ways did I experience your love?

Pause and pray

Night Scriptures

*Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
Psalm 91:1 (NIV UK)*

*The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you... No word from God will ever fail.' [And Mary answered] 'I am the Lord's servant... May your word to me be fulfilled.
Luke 1:35,37, 38 (NIV UK)*

Pause and pray

REPENT

A call to holiness:

And you, my child, will... give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins... the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death.

(Zechariah's prophecy over his son John the Baptist)

Luke 1:76-79 (NIV UK)

Holy God, I dwell in darkness and the shadow of death draws near. Let the light of Your tender mercy rise upon me as I confess my sins before You now.

Pause and pray

God of grace, thank You that when I was lost, You found me and when I was ashamed You forgave me, nailing the accusations against me to the cross (Colossians 2:13-14).

Remembering that forgiveness cost everything for You and nothing for me, I receive the priceless gift of unconditional grace now.

Pause

Refrain of the Day

*Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.*

Luke 2:14 (NIV UK)

I hear Your word eternal, spoken now to me:

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

Titus 3:4-5a (NIV UK)

REST

And so, 'in peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.' (Psalm 4:8)

Refrain of the Day

*Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.*

Luke 2:14 (NIV UK)

Advent hymn of the Church

*I worship now with an Advent hymn written by Charles Wesley**

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, written in 1744 by Charles Wesley:*

*Come, thou long expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free
From our fears and sins release us*

*Let us find our rest in thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart*

Closing Prayer

God of this Advent season, the sun has set, the night has gathered in, my soul sinks slowly into Your rest, trusting now that Your Son who came at Christmas, will come again in glory, Amen.