

Compline for Holy Week 2025

If you are following the order of service we would encourage you to join in with the words printed in bold.

We begin with words of preparation.

The day is done, the night has come, Monday will soon be over. And so, in the quietness of this moment, we still our souls to spend this time with God.

From Lectio 365 Devotional.. Night prayer

Silence

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

Amen.

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

**What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, in penitence we open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him. Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

The Word of God

Psalm 8

O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honour.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

Scripture Readings

Monday - Luke 19: 41-44

Tuesday - Luke 19: 45-48

Wednesday - Mark 14:3-9

Saturday - John 19 38-42

Poem and reflective words

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
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For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
I commend my spirit.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

The Nunc Dimittis

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

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

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Prayers

Let us pray to the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son
to give us life.
Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry the cross for your Son.
Give us grace to lift heavy loads from those we meet
and to stand with those condemned to die.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share his clothes.
Transform the hearts of those who make a profit from their victims,
and those whose hearts are hardened by their work.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

The thief, who was crucified with Jesus,
was promised a place in your kingdom.
Give pardon and hope, healing and peace
to all who look death in the face.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary his mother
and John his disciple to each other's care.

Help us also to care for one another
and fill our homes with the spirit of your love.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

In Mary and John your Son created a new family at the cross.

Fill our relationships,
and those of new families today,
with mutual care and responsibility,
and give us a secure hope for the future.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The centurion was astonished to see your glory in the
crucified Messiah.

Open the eyes of those who do not know you
to see in your Son the meaning of life and death.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Joseph of Arimathaea came to take your Son's body away.

Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved,
and gentleness to those who minister to them.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Simon and Joseph, Mary and John
became part of your Church in Jerusalem.

Bring into your Church today a varied company of people,
to walk with Christ in the way of his passion
and to find their salvation in the victory of his cross.

Lord of the Church,

hear our prayer,

and make us one in heart and mind

to serve you in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:

O Holy Spirit, giver of light and life,
impart to us thoughts better than our own thoughts,
and prayers better than our own prayers,
and powers better than our own powers,
that we may spend and be spent
in the ways of love and goodness,
after the perfect image of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Eric Milner-White and G W Briggs, Daily Prayer (1941)

Saturday:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight,
And give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend your sick ones.
Rest your weary ones.
Bless your dying ones.
Soothe your suffering ones.
Comfort your afflicted ones
Shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake.

Amen.

Augustine of Hippo

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

Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
All **for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
All **for the night is at hand and the day is now past.**
As the night watch looks for the morning,
All **so do we look for you, O Christ.**

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

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