

# Evening Prayer

*You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.*

## **Preparation**

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom

## **Opening Prayer**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise now and for ever Amen.

## **Psalm 67**

God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,

That your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
and God, our own God, will bless us.

God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

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

**Scripture Reading** - See Lectionary for Old Testament Reading

## **Canticle**

**We have come before the throne of God  
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

We have come before God's holy mountain,  
to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.

We have come before countless angels making festival,  
before the assembly of the firstborn citizens of heaven.

We have come before God, who is judge of all,  
before the spirits of the just made perfect.

We have come before Jesus,  
the mediator of the new covenant.

We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken:  
so let us give thanks and offer to God acceptable worship,

Full of reverence and awe;  
for our God is a consuming fire.

**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.**

**We have come before the throne of God  
to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

**Scripture Reading** - See Lectionary for New Testament Reading

## **Responsory**

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel  
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

For I am always with you;  
you hold me by my right hand.

And afterwards receive me with glory.

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**Lord, you will guide me with your counsel  
and afterwards receive me with glory.**

## **The Magnificat**

**The righteous will shine like the sun  
in the kingdom of their Father.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
to remember his promise of mercy,

The promise made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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

**The righteous will shine like the sun  
in the kingdom of their Father.**

*Pause for Silent prayer*

## **The Collect of the day**

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And  
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us  
not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and  
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

# Prayers

## Current Circumstances

Lord Jesus Christ  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.  
In this time of anxiety, give us strength  
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's sake. **Amen.**

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in  
isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the  
cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God,  
we entrust to your tender care  
those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold them  
safe.  
Comfort and heal them,  
and restore them to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those searching for a  
cure.  
Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be  
restored to health;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## From one who is ill or isolated

O God,  
help me to trust you,  
help me to know that you are with me,  
help me to believe that nothing can  
separate me  
from your love  
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## For the Christian community

We are not people of fear:  
we are people of courage.  
We are not people who protect our own  
safety:  
we are people who protect our neighbours'  
safety.  
We are not people of greed:  
we are people of generosity.  
We are your people God,  
giving and loving,  
wherever we are,  
whatever it costs  
For as long as it takes  
wherever you call us. **Amen**