



Order for Night Prayer

Compline for Home and Church



A five-page liturgical document for clergy, catechists, altar servers, missions, and lay study, prepared in a Gothic-style Prayer Book format for the Ecumenical Protestant Church in America.

Pastoral Authorization

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Opening

Officiant. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

People. Amen.

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.





Confession and Psalm

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have offended against Thy holy laws. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit; for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.





Prayer for the Night

Lighten our darkness, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night. Amen.

Visit, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy.





Household Rubrics

Use and Care

This booklet is designed for practical use. The officiant shall prepare the readings, persons, vessels, vestments, music, and pastoral notes before the service begins.

Rubric. The text may be shortened only when necessity requireth; the essential prayer, Scripture, and sacramental form shall be preserved.

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