



NIGHT PRAYER

from Evangelical Lutheran Worship

ELW Night Prayer

DIALOGUE

Almighty God grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
Amen.

One of the following dialogues is spoken.

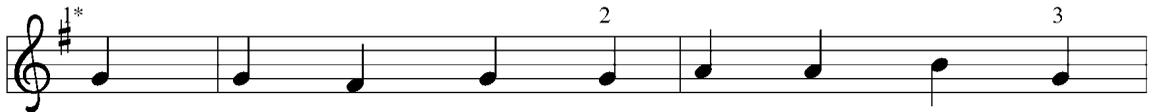
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
to herald your love in the morning,
your truth at the close of the day.

OR

By day, O God,
you grant your steadfast love,
and at night your song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

NIGHT HYMN

The following or some other hymn is sung.



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for
 2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the
 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread the
 4 Oh, may my soul in thee re - pose, and
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



all the bless - ings of the light. Keep me, oh, keep me,
 ill that I this day have done; that with the world, my -
 grave as lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die, that
 may sweet sleep mine eye - lids close, sleep that shall me more
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



King of kings, be - neath thine own al - might - y wings.
 self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
 so I may rise glo - rious at the awe - some day.
 vig - 'rous make to serve my God when I a - wake!
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

** May be sung in canon.*

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
 Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Holy and gracious God,

I confess that I have sinned against you this day.

Some of my sin I know—

the thoughts and words and deeds

of which I am ashamed—

but some is known only to you.

In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness.

**Deliver and restore me,
that I may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God
we are united with Jesus Christ,
in whom we are forgiven.
We rest now in the peace of Christ

PSALMODY

One or more of the psalms below are sung or said. Each is followed by a time of silence, which may be concluded by a psalm prayer.

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”
Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
the Lord will hear me when I call.
Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.
Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.
You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.
In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

O God, source of deliverance and help, do not let our hearts be troubled, but fill us with such confidence and joy that we may sleep in your peace and rise in your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 91

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty
you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”

For God will rescue you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly plague.

God’s wings will cover you, and you will find refuge beneath them;
God’s faithfulness will be your shield and defense.

You shall not fear any terror in the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
nor the plague that stalks in the darkness,
nor the sickness that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

You will only have to look with your eyes,
and you will see the reward of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
no evil will befall you,

nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

I will deliver those who cling to me;

I will uphold them, because they know my name.
They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Into your hands we commend ourselves, O God, our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Give your holy angels charge over us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 130

Out of the depths
I cry to you, O Lord;
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
If you were to keep watch over sins,
O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared.
I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.
O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;
with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.
For the Lord shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

God of compassion, you sent your Word into the world to announce the dawn of salvation. Do not leave us in the depths of our sins, but give to us the fullness of your redeeming grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 134

Behold now! Bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the holy place,
and bless the Lord.

The Lord who made heaven and earth
bless you out of Zion.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Lord God, where two or three gather in your name, you promise to be with them. Look upon your family gathered in your name, and graciously pour out your blessing upon us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READINGS

The service includes one of the following or another brief scripture reading.

Jeremiah 14:9

You, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us, O LORD our God. (*Jeremiah 14:9*)

OR Matthew 6:31-34

Do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” Indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first

for the dominion and the righteousness of God, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow. (*Matthew 6:31-34*)

OR Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
(*Matthew 11:28-30*)

OR Romans 8:38-39

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (*Romans 8:38-39*)

RESPONSORY

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

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You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

Into your hands I commend my spirit.

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

Into your hands, I commend my spirit.

PRAYERS

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;

hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness I shall see you;

when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

One or more of the following prayers or other appropriate prayers may be prayed.

Be our light in the darkness, O God, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

OR

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Amen.

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty and merciful God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.

Amen.

OR

Now in peace I will lie down and sleep;
you alone, O God, make me secure.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The greeting of peace may be shared by all.

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