Night Prayers

 May 18-22

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. **Amen**.

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us say together the psalm.

**Psalm 131**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

 let me never be put to shame:

 deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me;

 make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,

 for you are my crag and my stronghold;

 for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me.

 for you are my tower of strength,

Into your hands I commend my spirit,

 for you have redeemed me,

 O Lord, O God of truth.

**Psalm 134**

We your servants bless you, O God,

 as we stand by night in your house.

We lift up our hands towards the holy place,

 and give you thanks and praise.

Bless us from all places where you dwell,

 O God, creator of the heavens and the earth.

**Psalm 139**

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;

 you know my sitting down and my rising up;

 you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting places

 and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,

 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press behind me and before

 and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit?

 Where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

 if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning

 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me

 and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me,

 and the light around me turn to night,”

Darkness is not dark to you;

 the night is as bright as the day;

 darkness and light to you are both alike.

**Reading**

*(One of the following passages of scripture is read.)*

Lord, you are in the midst of us, and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9, 22*

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11:28-30*

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:8-9a*

**Litany of Healing**

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

God the Creator, your will for all people is health and salvation.

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord*.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it abundantly.

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord*.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence.

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord*.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being.

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord*.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole.

*Hear us, O Lord of life*.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

*Hear us, O Lord of life*.

Bless doctors, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, especially Rhonda Leake, Debbie Leake, Audra Smith, Deb Dee, John Lloyd, and Lauren Gensler, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

*Hear us, O Lord of life*.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by your grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.

*Hear us, O Lord of life*.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

*Hear us, O Lord of life*.

You are the Lord who does wonders.

*You have declared your power among the* peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life.

*And in your light we see light*.

Hear us, O Lord of life.

*Heal us, and make us whole*.

Let us pray.

*The officiant says one of the following collects*.

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, 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**.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

*The following prayers made be added*.

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, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love’s sake. **Amen**.

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other’s toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

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

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**.

Lord, you now have set your servant free

 to go in peace as you have promised.

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,

 whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

A Light to enlighten the nations,

 and the glory of your people Israel.

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

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**.

Lord, it is night.

The night is for stillness.

 Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.

 What has been done has been done;

 what has not been done has not been done;

 let it be.

The night is dark.

 Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives

 rest in you.

The night is quiet.

 Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,

 all dear to us,

 and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

 let us look expectantly to a new day,

 new joys,

 new possibilities.

In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The almighty and merciful God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, bless us and keep us, now and always.

**Amen**.