

An Order of Night Prayer

for use in the parishes of

Bulwick and Blatherwycke

Collyweston

Easton on the Hill

King's Cliffe

Laxton

while public worship is suspended.

March 2020 onwards

The Preparation

A candle may be lit.

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.

*A period of silence for reflection on the past day.
These following words of penitence may then be used*

Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.

*A hymn such as "Jesus Good Above all Other" may be said or sung
or these verses said;*

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
that you, with steadfast love, would keep
your watch around us while we sleep.
From evil dreams defend our sight,
from fears and terrors of the night;
tread underfoot our deadly foe
that we no sinful thought may know.
O Father, that we ask be done
through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
and Holy Spirit, by whose breath
our souls are raised to life from death. Amen.

The Word of God

Psalms 134

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, “
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary “
and bless the Lord.

The Lord who made heaven and earth “
give you blessing 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 shall be for ever. Amen.

Bible Verse

Jeremiah 14:9

“You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your
name; leave us not, O Lord our God.”

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
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 Song of Simeon

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.

Prayers

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered here. This prayer was produced by the Church of England for use during the Corona Virus outbreak:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus
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.

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

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;
the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.
Amen.