

## C O M P L I N E

*The Officiant begins*

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

*Officiant* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
*People* **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

*The Officiant continues*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept. The Officiant and People then say*

**Almighty God and Father, we confess to thee,  
to one another, and to the whole host of heaven,  
that we have sinned against thee, through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in those things which we have left undone.**

**For the sake of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins,  
and by the power of the Holy Ghost  
raise us up to serve thee in newness of life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant alone says*

May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;

*People* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;

*People* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord.

*People* The Lord's Name be praised.

*One or more of the following, or some other suitable Psalm, is sung or said.*

PSALM 4

*Cum invocarem*

- 1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: \*  
thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;  
have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.
- 2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honor, \*  
and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?
- 3 Know this also, that the LORD hath chosen to himself  
the man that is godly; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not; \*  
commune with your own heart, and in your chamber,  
and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 There be many that say, \*  
Who will show us any good?

- 7 LORD, lift thou up \*  
the light of thy countenance upon us.  
8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart; \*  
yea, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.  
9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; \*  
for it is thou, LORD, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM 31:1-6  
*In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 In thee, O LORD, have I put my trust;  
let me never be put to confusion; \*  
deliver me in thy righteousness.  
2 Bow down thine ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.  
3 And be thou my strong rock, and house of defense, \*  
that thou mayest save me.  
4 For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: \*  
be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.  
5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me; \*  
for thou art my strength.  
6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit; \*  
for thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, thou God of truth.

PSALM 91  
*Qui habitat*

- 1 Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High, \*  
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
2 I will say unto the LORD, Thou art my hope,  
and my stronghold; \*  
my God, in him will I trust.  
3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, \*  
and from the noisome pestilence.

- 4 He shall defend thee under his wings,  
and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; \*  
his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flieth by day,
- 6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, \*  
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.
- 7 A thousand shall fall beside thee,  
and ten thousand at thy right hand, \*  
but it shall not come nigh thee.
- 8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold, \*  
and see the reward of the ungodly.
- 9 For thou, LORD art my hope; \*  
thou hast set thine house of defense very high.
- 10 There shall no evil happen unto thee, \*  
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, \*  
to keep thee in all thy ways.
- 12 They shall bear thee in their hands, \*  
that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: \*  
the young lion and the dragon  
thou shalt tread under thy feet.
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me,  
therefore I will deliver him; \*  
I will lift him up, because he hath known my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; \*  
yea, I am with him in trouble;  
I will deliver him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life I will satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.

PSALM 134

*Ecce nunc*

- 1 Behold now, praise the LORD, \*  
all ye servants of the LORD;
- 2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the LORD, \*  
even in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary \*  
and praisethe LORD.
- 4 The LORD that made heaven and earth \*  
give thee blessing out of Zion.

*At the end of the Psalms the Gloria Patri (Glory be...) is sung or said*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

*One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read*

Thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy  
Name. Leave us not, O Lord our God. JEREMIAH 14:9

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and  
I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of  
me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest  
unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

MATTHEW 11:28-30

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our  
Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the  
blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every  
good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-  
pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.

HEBREWS 13:20-21

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

I PETER 5:8-9

*At the end of the reading is said*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence may follow. A suitable hymn may be sung.*

*Officiant* Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

*People* **For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord,  
thou God of truth.**

*Officiant* Keep me as the apple of thine eye;

*People* **Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant and People*

**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, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.] Amen.**

*Officiant* O Lord, hear our prayer;  
*People* **And let our cry come unto thee.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects. Other appropriate Collects may also be used.*

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thine only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thine eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### A COLLECT FOR SATURDAYS

We give thee thanks, O God, for revealing thy Son Jesus Christ to us by the light of his resurrection: Grant that as we sing thy glory at the close of this day, our joy may abound in the morning as we celebrate the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*One of the following prayers may be added*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine 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 thy love's sake. **Amen.**

*or this*

O God, whose 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.**

*Silence may be kept, and other intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.*

*The Officiant and People say or sing the Song of Simeon with this Antiphon*

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

*In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

NUNC DIMITTIS  
*The Song of Simeon*

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \***  
**according to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \***

**Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;**  
**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \***  
**and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.

LUKE 2:29-32

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

*In Easter Season, add Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant concludes with the following*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
bless us and keep us, this night and evermore. **Amen.**

## ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS

A Bishop or Priest, if present, may pronounce absolution after the  
confession.

For those saying Compline every day, particularly in families or other  
communities, additional short Scriptural readings may be desired. Some  
appropriate readings include:

ISAIAH 26:3-4

ISAIAH 30:15

MATTHEW 6:31-34

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

1 THESSALONIANS 5:9-10

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23

EPHESIANS 4:26-27