

Daily Devotions for Compline—NZPB Remembering Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips,
that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the God of love.
Alleluia, alleluia.

The angels of God guard us through the night,
and quieten the powers of darkness.

The Spirit of God be our guide
to lead us to peace and to glory.

It is but lost labor that we haste to rise up early,
and so late take rest, and eat the bread of anxiety.
For those beloved of God are given gifts even while they sleep.

Dear God, thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and for our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love which is unbounded and eternal.

O God, most holy and beloved,
my Companion, my Guide upon the way, my bright evening star.

The Psalm

Please join me in reading from Psalm 101.

**I will sing of mercy and justice; *
to you, O LORD, will I sing praises.**

**I will strive to follow a blameless course; oh, when will you come to me? *
I will walk with sincerity of heart within my house.**

**I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; *
I hate the doers of evil deeds; they shall not remain with me.**

**A crooked heart shall be far from me; *
I will not know evil.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Reading for Today from Second Thessalonians

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you, and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will go on doing the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

An Evening Hymn (#42)



1 Now the day is o - ver, night is draw - ing nigh,
2 Je - sus, give the wear - y calm and sweet re - pose;
4 Com - fort ev - ery suf - ferer watch - ing late in pain;
5 Through the long night watch - es may thine an - gels spread

1 sha - dows of the eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.
2 with thy tend - erest bless - ing may our eye - lids close.
4 those who plan some e - vil from their sin re - strain.
5 their white wings a - bove me, watch - ing round my bed.

The Prayers

I invite you to the prayers.

Let us pray.

God of life made new in Christ, you call your Church to keep on rising from the dead: We remember before you the bold witness of your servant Nicolaus von Zinzendorf, through whom your Spirit moved to draw many in Europe and the American colonies to faith and conversion of life; and we pray that we, like him, may rejoice to sing your praise, live your love and rest secure in the safekeeping of the Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Join me in the Song of Simeon

**Alleluia. The Lamb who was slain has conquered. Alleluia.
All who follow the Way will share in the victory. 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.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia. The Lamb who was slain has conquered. Alleluia.
All who follow the Way will share in the victory. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Join with me in the prayer that Jesus taught us.

**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.
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.

Let us bless the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, the Life-giver,
let us praise and exalt God above all for ever.

May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,
glorified and exalted above all for ever.

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.

Christ be within us to keep us,
beside us to guard,
before us to lead,
behind us to protect,
beneath us to support,
above us to bless.

The divine Spirit dwells in us.

Thanks be to God.