

Daily Devotions for Compline—from The New Zealand Prayer Book Remembering the Martyrs of Memphis

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.

We repent the wrongs we have done:

Silence

We have wounded your love.

O God, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness.

Light of the world transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you,
to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us.

Living flame burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us,
fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and in truth.

Join me in reading from Psalm 116

**I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

**The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.**

**Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**

**Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.**

**The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low, and he helped me.**

**Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the Lord has treated you well.**

**For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
in the land of the living.**

**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.**

A reading from The Gospel of John

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name."
Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

An Evening Hymn (#488)



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

I invite you to the prayers.

Let us pray

We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of the Martyrs of Memphis, who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death; Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Join me in the Song of Simeon

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

**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.**

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

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.