

The evening prayer



O merciful God, eternal Light shining in the darkness, who drives out the darkness of sin and all blindness of the heart. You established the night for rest and the day for work.

We pray that our bodies may rest in peace and quiet that they may be able to complete the work You set before us. Smooth our sleep to Your order that we may remain pure in body and soul and even our sleep be to your glory.

Enlighten the eyes of our mind that we may not despair over death, but always expect our release from this misery. Preserve us against all attacks of the devil and guide us by Your holy hand.

Since we have not lived this day without sinning greatly against You, we pray that You will cover our sins in Your mercy as You cover all things on earth with the darkness of night that we may not be shunned from Your presence. Grant all who are ill, all who grieve and all hearts under attack rest and comfort through our Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray as follows:

Our Father who is in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.