

# Night Prayer

## Friday

### INTRODUCTION (please stand)

*Leader:* God, + come to my assistance.

*All:* – Lord, make haste to help me.

*Leader:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*All:* – as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

### EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE (please kneel and pause in silence)



*All:*

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

*Then they continue:*

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

*All:* – Amen.

**SONG (please stand)**

**PSALMODY (please sit)**

*Leader:* Day and night I cry to you, my God.

Psalm 88 Prayer of a very sick person

Lord my God, I call for help by day; \*  
I cry at night before you.  
Let my prayer come into your presence. \*  
O turn your ear to my cry.

For my soul is filled with evils; \*  
my life is on the brink of the grave.  
I am reckoned as one in the tomb: \*  
I have reached the end of my strength,

like one alone among the dead; \*  
like the slain lying in their graves;  
like those you remember no more, \*  
cut off, as they are, from your hand.

You have laid me in the depths of the tomb, \*  
in places that are dark, in the depths.  
Your anger weighs down upon me: \*  
I am drowned beneath your waves.

You have taken away my friends \*  
and made me hateful in their sight.  
Imprisoned, I cannot escape; \*  
my eyes are sunken with grief.

I call to you, Lord, all the day long; \*  
to you I stretch out my hands.  
Will you work your wonders for the dead? \*  
Will the shades stand and praise you?

Will your love be told in the grave \*  
or your faithfulness among the dead?  
Will your wonders be known in the dark \*  
or your justice in the land of oblivion?

As for me, Lord, I call to you for help: \*  
in the morning my prayer comes before you.  
Lord, why do you reject me? \*  
Why do you hide your face?

Wretched, close to death from my youth, \*  
I have borne your trials; I am numb.  
Your fury has swept down upon me; \*  
your terrors have utterly destroyed me.

They surround me all the day like a flood, \*  
they assail me all together.  
Friend and neighbor you have taken away: \*  
my one companion is darkness.  
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.

*All:* Day and night I cry to you, my God.

## **READING    Jeremiah 14:9a**

You are in our midst, O Lord,  
your name we bear:  
do not forsake us, O Lord, our God!

## **RESPONSORY**

*Leader:* Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.  
*All:* – Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

*Leader:* You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.  
*All:* – I commend my spirit.

*Leader:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
*All:* – Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit.

## **GOSPEL CANTICLE**

*Leader:* Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

*(all together in unison:)*

Lord, + now 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.

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.

*All:* Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Leader:*

*Let us pray.*

All-powerful God  
keep us united with your Son  
in his death and burial  
so that we may rise to new life with him,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*All:* – Amen.

## BLESSING

*Leader:* May the all-powerful Lord grant us a restful night and a peaceful death.

*All:* – Amen.

## ANTIPHON IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*(all together in unison:)*

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,  
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.  
To you do we cry,  
poor banished children of Eve.  
To you do we send up our sighs  
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy toward us,  
and after this exile  
show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary.

