

## ORDER for BAPTIST MINISTRY

### Prayer at the Day's Ending

As the day closes  
may the Lord grant us  
a quiet night and a peaceful end.  
**Lord save us,  
and keep us in your way.**

Taking time to recollect the day  
and reflect upon its encounters,  
may we see where God  
has blessed us  
and challenged us  
in particular ways.

**God, whose ways are as hidden  
as footsteps upon the waters  
and as apparent as the sun  
shining in its noonday glory;  
help us to see where we have  
reflected your radiance\***

**and where we have obscured it  
through fear, indifference or  
deliberate sin.\***

**Grant us forgiveness  
for our failings  
and so strengthen all goodness  
in us by your grace  
that we might shine as lights  
in a dark and unjust world,  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*\* optional pause for reflection  
at these points*

*The following or another suitable  
hymn may be **said** or **sung***

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That you,  
with steadfast love,  
would keep  
Your watch around us  
while we sleep.

From evil dreams  
defend our sight,  
From fears and terrors  
of the night;  
Tread underfoot  
our deadly foe  
That we no sinful thought  
may know.

O Father, that we ask be done  
Through Jesus Christ,  
your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit,  
by whose breath  
Our souls are raised  
to life from death.

Optional Readings from the  
*Common Lectionary* for **Night  
Prayer**

and/or  
*The Nunc dimittis/Song of Simeon  
is said or sung:*

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

‘Now, Lord,  
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. ‘  
*Luke 2.29-32*

Glory to the Father  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning  
is now  
and shall be for ever.  
Amen.

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

**Grant us sleep  
to refresh the soul this night  
and should we be wakeful,  
so fill our minds with your word  
that all fear and anxiety  
might be banished  
and our hearts be restful,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

(+ In the name of the Father and  
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit)