

## Evening Prayer

### **Begin with this while making the sign of the cross:**

Lord, + open my lips. – And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

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

### **Psalm 121**

**Antiphon:** My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not, your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade,  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming  
both now and for ever.

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

### **Silent Prayer**

*Take a minute or two of silence for prayer, using the above psalm as a starting point.*

### **Psalm Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared a quiet place for us in your Father's eternal home. Watch over our welfare on this perilous journey, shade us from the burning heat of day, and keep our lives free of evil until the end.

**Antiphon:** My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

### **Scripture Reading - 1 John 3:1a, 2**

What we utter is God's wisdom: a mysterious, a hidden wisdom. God planned it before all ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age knew the mystery; if they had known it, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory. Of this wisdom it is written:

“Eye has not seen, ear has not heard  
nor has it so much as dawned on man  
what God has prepared for those who love him.”

Yet God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit.

### **Intercessions**

- Lord Jesus, you console the humble, be attentive to the tears of the poor. *(If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.)*

- Lord, king and ruler of nations, be with all your people and their governments, inspire them to pursue the good of all according to your law. *(If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.)*

- Merciful God, hear the cries of the dying, comfort them with your presence.. *(If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.)*

**The Lord's Prayer** Our Father. . .

### **Closing Prayer**

God our Father,  
the contradiction of the cross  
proclaims your infinite wisdom.  
Help us to see that the glory of your Son  
is revealed in the suffering he freely accepted.  
Give us faith to claim as our only glory  
the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
—Amen.