

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to herald Your love in the morning, Your truth at the close of the day.

Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him. Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 102

¹Hear my prayer, O LORD;
let my cry come to you!
²Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress!
Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call!
³For my days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace.
⁴My heart is struck down like grass and has withered;
I forget to eat my bread.
⁵Because of my loud groaning
my bones cling to my flesh.
⁶I am like a desert owl of the wilderness,
like an owl of the waste places;
⁷I lie awake;
I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.
⁸All the day my enemies taunt me;
those who deride me use my name for a curse.
⁹For I eat ashes like bread
and mingle tears with my drink,
¹⁰because of your indignation and anger;
for you have taken me up and thrown me down.
¹¹My days are like an evening shadow;
I wither away like grass.
¹²But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever;
you are remembered throughout all generations.
¹³You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her;
the appointed time has come.
¹⁴For your servants hold her stones dear
and have pity on her dust.
¹⁵Nations will fear the name of the LORD,
and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.
¹⁶For the LORD builds up Zion;
he appears in his glory;
¹⁷he regards the prayer of the destitute
and does not despise their prayer.

¹⁸Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:
¹⁹that he looked down from his holy height;
from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,
²⁰to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die,
²¹that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,
and in Jerusalem his praise,
²²when peoples gather together,
and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.
²³He has broken my strength in midcourse;
he has shortened my days.
²⁴“O my God,” I say, “take me not away
in the midst of my days—
you whose years endure
throughout all generations!”
²⁵Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
²⁶They will perish, but you will remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,
²⁷but you are the same, and your years have no end.
²⁸The children of your servants shall dwell secure;
their offspring shall be established before you.

Epistle

Hebrews 1:1–12

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.
³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,
“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son”?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

⁷Of the angels he says,
“He makes his angels winds,
and his ministers a flame of fire.”

⁸But of the Son he says,
“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.
⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

¹⁰And,
“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
¹¹they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,
¹²like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.
But you are the same,
and your years will have no end.”

Sermon

Prayer

Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry. Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings. In righteousness I shall see You; when I awake, Your presence will give me joy. Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the I Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you. Amen.