

Visit our homes, and the homes of those we love,
O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from them the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
All for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
All for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,
All so do we look for you, O Christ.

May the love of the Word made flesh enfold us,
his joy fill our lives,
his peace be in our hearts;
and the blessing of God be with us
this night and always.

An Order for Night Prayer for the New Year

Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
All Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
All who made heaven and earth

Scripture Reading

In him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines
in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1.4,5

*A period of silence for reflection on the past year and what was good
in it*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father God, we thank you for the good things of 2020:
for the sunshine in the first lockdown,
and the pleasure we gained from the natural world;
for the sense of community and mutual support,
for the new skills we learned,
for the Cabin at St Mary's being built before our eyes.
Above all, we thank you for walking with us in good times and in bad
and for your unfailing love in Jesus Christ.

All: Amen

*A period of silence in reflection about the year ahead, and our hopes
and fears about what the future may hold*

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”
And he replied:
“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”

Psalm 31

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my stronghold;
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.
- 4 Take me out of the net
that they have laid secretly for me,
for you are my strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) is said

**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*

***All* 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.**

Prayers

New Year's Eve Prayer

A new year coming and God is with us
In loving, in caring, in hoping and expecting,
God is with us and never lets us go
***All* God live in us, God live with us, God live through us**

God keep us faithful through the days that lie ahead
God keep us caring as we see the pain that fills your world
God keep us serving as we seek to do your will
***All* God live in us, God live with us, God live through us**

God keep us loving toward neighbours near and far
God keep us trusting through the uncertainties of life
God keep us sharing from your generous abundance
***All* God live in us, God live with us, God live through us
Amen.**

Merciful God,
we entrust to your unfailing and tender care this night
those who are ill or in pain, anxious, lonely or in trouble,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe.
Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**