AN ORDER FOR EVENING PRAISE AND PRAYER
Light and peace in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

I call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me;
give ear to my voice when I call to you.
Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.
(PSALM 141:1–2)

THANKSGIVING
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
We praise and thank you, O God,
for you are without beginning and without end.
Through Christ, you created the whole world;
through Christ, you preserve it.
You made the day for the works of light
and the night for the refreshment of our minds and bodies.
Keep us now in Christ; grant us a peaceful evening,
a night free from sin; and bring us at last to eternal life.
Through Christ and in the Holy Spirit,
we offer you all glory, honor, and worship,
now and for ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have
done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have
done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.

Restore all those who are penitent, according to your prom-
ises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

if we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the
truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and
just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrigh-
teousness.
(1 John 1:8-9)

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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THE APOSTLES CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended to the dead.
The third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
After each prayer, the leader may conclude: Lord, in your
mercy, and all may respond: Hear our prayer.
Together, let us pray
 for the people of this congregation...
 for those who suffer and those in trouble...
 for the concerns of this local community...
 for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...
 for the Church universal—its leaders, its members,
 and its mission...
 in communion with the saints...

THE 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, the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER
As you have made this day, O God,
you also make the night.
Give light for our comfort.
Come upon us with quietness and still our souls
that we may listen for the whisper of your Spirit
 and be attentive to your nearness in our dreams.
Empower us to rise again in new life to proclaim your praise,
 and show Christ to the world.
In peace we will lie down and sleep.
In the Lord alone we safely rest.
Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
 and asleep we may rest in peace.
May the divine help remain with us always.
And with those who are absent from us. Amen.
The Lord Almighty grant us a restful night and peace at
the last.

BLESSING
May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit. (ROMANS 15:13)