

Compline – Anglican Church of Kenya
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Officiant The Lord be with you;
People **And also with you.**

Officiant Come to us this night Lord;
People **Come to us with light.**

Officiant Speak to us this night Lord;
People **Speak to us in your truth.**

Officiant Dwell with us this night Lord;
People **Dwell with us in love.**

Officiant You are our hiding place;
People **You protect us from trouble**
and surround us with songs of deliverance.

Confession of Sin

Officiant He who conceals his sins does not prosper;
People **But whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.**

Officiant We confess our sins before you Lord;
People **We confess them all.**

Officiant Sins of commission and sins of omission.
People **We confess them all.**

Officiant Cleanse and forgive us O loving Saviour;
People **Cleanse and forgive us.**

Hymn

A verse and/ or refrain from another appropriate hymn may be substituted

**Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling,
Naked come to thee for dress,
Helpless look to thee for grace,
Foul, I to the fountain fly,**

Wash me Saviour or I die.

Psalm 4

**Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and
hear my prayer.**

**How long, O people, will you turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusion and seek false gods?**

**Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself;
the Lord will hear what I call to him.**

**In your anger do not sin;
when you are on your beds search your hearts and be silent.**

Offer right sacrifices and trust in the Lord.

**Many are asking, “Who can show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

**You have filled my heart with greater joy than
when their grain and new wine abound.**

**I will lie down at once and sleep in peace, for you alone,
O Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

Psalm 91

**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.**

**I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress
my God, in whom I trust.”**

**Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare
and from the deadly pestilence.**

**He will cover you with his feathers
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**

**You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day.**

**nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
not the plague that destroys at midday.
A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.**

**You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.**

**If you make the Most High your dwelling,
even the Lord, who is my refuge,**

**then no harm will befall you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.**

After the Psalm

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

Scripture

Officiant He who watches over you will not slumber, indeed he who watches over your will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you. The Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm, he will watch over your life. *Psalm 121:3-7*

Officiant Unless the Lord watches over a city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early, and stay up late, toiling for food to eat, for he grants sleep to those he loves. *Psalm 127:1-2*

Officiant This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “When I bring them back from captivity, the people in the land of Judah and its own towns will once again use these words: ‘The Lord bless you O righteous dwelling, O sacred mountain’. People will live together in Judah and all its towns – farmers and those who move

about with their flocks. I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint.” At this I awoke and looked around. My sleep had been pleasant to me. *Jeremiah 31:23-26*

Officiant He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. “Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.” *Luke 22:41-46*

Officiant Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!” *Matthew 26:36-46*

Officiant Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge,

each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’” *Mark 13:28-37*

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

Officiant *As our Saviour taught us, let us boldly pray:*

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered.

Prayer for Protection

Lighten our darkness,
Lord we pray;
And in your mercy defend us
From all perils and dangers of this night;
For the love of your only Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

or

Lord keep us safe this night,
Secure from all our fears
May angels guard us while we sleep,
Till morning light appears. Amen.

The Officiant says:

Prayer for the blessing of sleep

Grant us Lord tonight your gift of sweet, uninterrupted sleep, that free from the anxieties, stress, and busy-ness of the day's activities, our minds and bodies may be refreshed and rejuvenated for tomorrow's work.

Grant that we shall enjoy tonight's sleep and thank you in the morning as we stretch out ourselves in readiness for the tasks ahead.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

Prayer of St. Augustine

Almighty God,
To turn away from you is to fall,
To turn towards you is to rise,
And to stand in you is to love for ever.
Grant us in all our duties your help,
In all our problems your guidance,
In all our dangers your protection,
And in all our sorrows your peace;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort our hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now, and forevermore.
Amen.

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