

## Compline: A Celtic-Inspired Night Prayer

*Peace be upon this place and all who dwell here.*

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### Opening

#### Leader (or All):

In the name of the Creator,  
who fashions us with love.

In the name of the Christ,  
who walks beside us.

In the name of the Spirit,  
who dwells within us.

*Three in One, One in Three, surrounding us in holy mystery.*

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### Invocation of Light

(You may light a candle.)

#### All:

Light of the world,  
shine in the shadows.

Guide our steps through the darkness.

Be the flame that warms our hearts,  
and the star that leads us home.

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### Prayer of Stillness

#### Leader:

As night enfolds the earth,  
we rest in the quiet of God.

Silence the noise within and around us.

Let us be still and know...

**(Pause for silent reflection)**

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## Psalm or Poem (choose one)

*You may read a Psalm (e.g., Psalm 91, Psalm 139) or use the following Celtic-style reflection:*

I lie down this night with the stars above me,  
With the earth beneath me, with the Holy all around.  
May the peace of the deep be mine,  
The calm of the hills, the hush of the sea.  
May I sleep in the lap of the Sacred,  
Wrapped in the cloak of Love.

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## Scripture (optional)

*A short reading may be shared, such as:*

- Matthew 11:28-30 — “Come to me, all you who are weary...”
- John 14:27 — “Peace I leave with you...”

Or this Celtic-inspired paraphrase:

The Christ says: “Do not be afraid of the night,  
For I am the Light no darkness can overcome.  
I walk with you through shadows.  
My peace I give, not as the world gives — but deeper still.”

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## Prayers of the People

### Leader (or All):

Let us offer prayers for the world,  
for the Earth, for those we love,  
and for those we struggle to love.

*(Offer intercessions aloud or in silence.)*

### All:

Circle us, O God.  
Circle the world with peace.

Circle the night with stillness.  
Circle our hearts with your presence.

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### **Compline Blessing**

#### **Leader (or All):**

May the moon light your path.  
May the stars guard your dreams.  
May the Spirit breathe peace into your soul.  
And may you rest this night  
in the arms of the Holy.

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### **Closing**

#### **All:**

Peace be upon this night.  
Peace be upon this dwelling.  
Peace be upon all creatures,  
winged and rooted, wild and tame.  
Peace be upon us all.  
Amen.