Prayer at the End of the Day for Easter
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Deerfield Beach, Florida

CALL TO WORSHIP AND SONG ("Still, My Soul, Be Still")
Almighty God, grant us a quiet night and peace at the last. Amen. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, to herald your love in the morning, and your truth at the close of the day.

God is at your side; no longer shall you fear; though winds of change may rage tomorrow. Hold on to His ways; with shield of faith that against temptation's flaming arrows will rise as stars appear when day is dimming.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace. 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.
PRAYERS

Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are yours, and to you the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest securely, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray

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.

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord!
Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore. Amen.
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
   Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
2 We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road; we are here to help each other.
   Pray that I may have the grace to walk the mile and bear the load.
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
   Christ to you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this journey through.
4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I’ll let you be my servant, too.
   Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
5 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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