

## Prayers for the Evening

### A BLESSING OF LIGHT

*A candle may be lit.*

Christ your light shall rise in the darkness and your healing shall spring up like the dawn.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**Who is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.**

Blessèd are you, Sovereign God, Shepherd of your pilgrim people: their pillar of cloud by day, their pillar of fire by night. Stir up in us the fire of your love which shone forth from your Son enthroned on the cross, that we may be cleansed of all our sins and be made ready to come into your presence, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessèd be God for ever!**

### A SONG OF THE LIGHT

O joyful light, from the pure glory of the eternal heavenly Father, O holy, blessèd Jesus Christ.

**As we come to the setting of the sun and see the evening light,**

We give thanks and praise to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit of God.

**Worthy are you at all times to be sung with holy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all creation.**

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A SONG OF ENTREATY

Lord, hear my prayer; answer me in your righteousness.

**Enter not into judgement with your servant, for in your sight shall no one living be justified.**

My spirit faints within me; my heart within me is desolate.

**I spread out my hands to you; my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.**

O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; do not hide your face from me.

**Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you.**

Show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

**Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

Revive me, O God, for your name's sake; for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

from Psalm 143

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

A SCRIPTURE READING

A RESPONSORY

O Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God.

**O Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God.**

Make haste to help me, O Lord of my salvation.

**Be not far from me, O my God.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**O Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God.**

THE PRAYERS

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A BLESSING

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**