

maranatha

# Office of Compline



*A time of prayer for all Maranatha members*

*Who pray for one another each day at 10pm*

It is good indeed to praise the Lord, and to give thanks to your Holy Name, O Most High, and to declare your mercies in the mornings and your truth at every eventide.

*“Lord, stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent.” (Lk.24.29)*

## **Prayer**

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come upon us to cleanse our hearts, setting us free to sing your praise, now and forever. Amen

*A period of silence follows, to reflect on the past day.*

## **Words of Penitence**

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto your Name give the praise.

Lord, have mercy.

Wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Christ have mercy.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Lord, have mercy.

May Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

O God make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

## **The Psalm**

1. Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord:  
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.
2. Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord:  
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Sion.  
Glory be to the Father....

## **A Short Reading**

*“With the voice of thanksgiving I will sacrifice to you, what I have vowed I will pay; for deliverance belongs to the Lord”. (Jonah 2.9)*

*In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength. (Isaiah 30.15)*

*“Lord, so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom”.*

(Ps. 90.12)

*"In him was life and the life was the light of all. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it". (John 1.4-5)*

*"You, Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God". (Jer. 14.9)*

*"Be sober, be vigilant, as your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith". (1 Peter 5:8)*

### **The Prayers**

Lord, we come to the end of another day. As we draw aside from our occupations and ministries for rest, may we be enfolded in your grace and protected by your eternal love. By your Holy Spirit's power may all evil thoughts be kept at bay as we sleep. May your holy angels watch over us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

God of glory, you nourish us with your word which is the bread of life. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen

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, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Lord, let us not dwell in the past, nor worry about the future. We cannot undo what is done; we cannot foresee what will come. Let us instead dwell in your peace, love and be loved; heal and be healed. We give the past to you and rest in your forgiveness. We give the future to you and rest in your love. We live in your light, open our eyes that we may see. We live in your love, let your love flow through us, to the fulfilment of your Kingdom. Amen

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### **Prayers for the Maranatha Community:**

*At this time and in this place we remember with gratitude before you, Lord, all the members of the Maranatha Community. Thank you for giving us to each other. Thank you for the inspiration you instill in us, for our hope in adversity and for our love for one another. Support and strengthen us, guard and protect us, and may our Community grow as the tiny mustard seed so that the people of our world might find peace and shelter in its branches.*

**Each Day:** *The Leadership Team: Dennis (& Sheila), Linda, and Juan (& Jane). For all working at the Maranatha Office in Flixton.*

*For God's guidance, protection, wisdom and direction.*

**Sunday:** *The Ark, the Café, the Bookshop & Maranatha members in South-West England*

**Monday:** *The Maranatha Parliamentary and Public Affairs Team and all who work on Trumpet Call - for wisdom and guidance.*

*For Maranatha members in London and South-East England*

**Tuesday:** *The National Coordinators, Reference Group, Healing Ministry Team, Maranatha Community Trust and for members in the Midlands.*

**Wednesday:** *Maranatha youth groups and for Credo and for Maranatha members in North-West England*

**Thursday:** *Watchmen, Pillars, George & Mary Pendleton and all in Prayer Cells. For Maranatha members in Wales, Scotland and the Borders*

**Friday:** *Maranatha Retreats and Weekends and for Maranatha members in Eastern and North-Eastern England*

**Saturday:** *Christian organizations that Maranatha has close ties with Maranatha members in Ireland - North and South and across the World (Uganda, USA, Australia, India, Malawi etc)*

A time of free prayer.

**Our Father, who art in heaven.....**

### **The Blessing**

In peace we will lie down and sleep; for you alone Lord make us dwell in safety. As the night-watchman looks for the morning, so do we look for you: Lord Christ.

Come, Jesus, with the dawning of the day  
and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.

May the love of the Word made flesh enfold us,  
his joy fill our lives,

his peace be in our hearts;

And the blessing of Almighty God be with us, and with those we love,  
this night and always. Amen



**Help to carry one another's burdens.  
(Galatians 6.2)**