

## **At the Close of Day**

### **An intro to gather**

### **Share some prayers and prayer concerns at this time**

*Psalm 134 (New Zealand 172)*

We your servants bless you, O God,  
as we stand by night in your house.  
We lift up our hands towards the holy place,  
and give you thanks and praise.  
Bless us from all places where you dwell,  
O God, creator of the heavens and the earth.

*A Reading for the Monday in Holy Week*

### **John 12:1-11**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

### ***The following may be said***

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see;  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Prayers for ourselves and others may follow. It is appropriate that prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the day, and penitence for our sins, be included.*

For whom and what should we pray? (silence)

For what shall we give thanks (silence)

**Prayer response to our changing days**

O Lord Help us to

Open our eyes today to the light of God surrounding us.

Open our eyes today to the light of God within us.

Open our eyes today to the light of God in each person you speak with.

Open our eyes today and see all that God has for us to see.

Amen

*The Lord's Prayer*

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Collect*

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us. *Amen.*