

Lenten Evening Meditation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins
His mercy endures forever.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lampstand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light beyond yourselves, so that all may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven"

Let us pray

All say together

Grant us Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us, shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness, we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-ending light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A candle is now lit as a reminder that Jesus is with us.

O Gracious light,
Pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed.

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
And our eyes behold the vesper light,
We sing you praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices.
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
And to be glorified though all the world

The Song of Simeon

**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.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the be - ginning
Is now and will be for ever. A-men**

Evening Prayers

God be with you
And also with you
Let us pray

May we be at peace within ourselves

Let us accept that we are fully loved, and need never live in fear.

May we be aware of the source of being

Which is common to us all, and to all creation.

May we be filled with the presence of the great compassion

That is directed towards us and towards all living things.

Knowing that we are nourished from the same source of life,

**May we also live so that others will not be deprived of
air, food, water, shelter, or the chance to live.**

We pray that we ourselves cease to be a cause of suffering to one another.

We pray for the establishment of peace in our hearts and on earth.

Let us rest a few moments in silence as we offer our prayers of intercession and thanksgiving at this time.

Sit in silence

Here our prayers

Heed our holy desires

We confess our impatience and anxiety

We seek your grace

And now as our Lord Jesus Christ taught us we are bold to say:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as is heaven

Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

Now and forever. Amen.

Holy One, we bless your name and thank you for the gift of this day.

**May the light of the world guide us, the Life of the world refresh us, and the Hope of the world be our
companion, that we may be the reconciling power of Christ in the world. We ask this for your mercy's
sake. Amen.**

Be present with us, Holy One,

As we watch with you.