

A treasury of prayers

Eastern Church Liturgy, Third Century

We give thee hearty thanks for the rest of the past night,
for the gift of a new day,
with its opportunities for pleasing thee.
Grant that we may so pass its hours
in the freedom of thy service,
that at eventide we may again give thanks unto thee;

αὐτῆς τῆς νυκτὸς ἡσυχίας
καὶ τῆς ἡμέρας ἀπαλλαγῆς
καὶ τῆς ἐλευθερίας τῆς δουλείας σου

All **Amen. Amemen.**

Mozarabic Sacramentary, Seventh Century

Grant us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace,
without stumbling and without stain;
that reaching the eventide victorious over all temptation,
we may praise thee, the eternal God,
who art blessed, and dost govern all things,
world without end.

All **Amen.**

Gregorian Sacramentary

May God Almighty direct our days in his peace,
and grant us the gifts of his blessing;
may he deliver us in all our troubles,
and establish our minds in the tranquillity of his peace;
may he so guide us through things temporal

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All **Amen.**

Gelasian Sacramentary

Almighty and everlasting God,
let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation
come unto thee;

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through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Alcuin (735-804)

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts,
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,
Eternal Power, be our support,

Sarum Breviary, Eleventh Century

O God, who through the grace of thy Holy Spirit,
dost pour the gift of love into the hearts of thy faithful people;
grant unto us health, both of mind and body,
that we may love thee with our whole strength,
and with entire satisfaction may perform those things
which are pleasing unto thee;
through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

Merciful God, to thee we commend ourselves
and all those who need thy help and correction.

All Amen.

Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
yours are the only hands with which he can do his work,
yours are the only feet with which he can go about the world,
yours are the only eyes through which his compassion
can shine forth upon a troubled world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

All Amen.

after John Donne (c.1571-1631)

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening
into the house and gate of heaven,
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house,
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling,
but one equal light;
no voice nor silence, but one equal music;
no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession;
no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity;
in the habitation of thy glory and dominion,
world without end.

All Amen.

Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658)

Strengthen us O God, to relieve the oppressed,
to hear the groans of poor prisoners,
to reform the abuses of all professions;
that many be made not poor to make a few rich;

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All Amen.

Richard Baxter (1615-1691)

Keep us, O Lord, while we tarry on this earth,
in a serious seeking after thee,
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every day of our lives;
that when thou comest,
we may be found not hiding our talent,
nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished,
but waiting and longing for our Lord,
our glorious King, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

O Lord, in whom is our hope,
remove far from us, we pray thee,
Make our hearts so right with thy most holy and loving heart,
that hoping in thee we may do good;
until that day when faith and hope
shall be abolished by sight and possession,
and love shall be all in all.

All **Amen.**

Cardinal Newman (1801-1890)

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over and our work is done;
then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us safe lodging,
a holy rest and peace at the last;

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All **Amen.**

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Lord, support us by your grace
through all the hours of life's day:
until the shadows lengthen, the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over, and the evening comes.
Then Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last;

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All **Amen.**

G E Darlaston (1876-1931)

