

A TWELVE STEP ORDER OF COMPLINE

(A hymn may be sung)

The Officiant begins

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.

Officiant & People

Step 1: We admitted we were powerless over _____ (insert your addiction/s), that our lives had become unmanageable.

Step 2: We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Officiant **Our help is in the Name of the Lord.**

People The maker of heaven and earth.

Officiant & People

Step 3: We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God.

Third Step Prayer: God, I offer myself to Thee – to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of Life. May I do Thy will always.

Officiant **Let us confess our sins to God.**

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Almighty God our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault in thought, and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Step 4: We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Step 5: We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Officiant May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all of our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Step 6: We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Psalm 31:

In you, O Lord I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;*
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me;*
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;*
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,*
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,*
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Step 7: We humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.

Seventh Step Prayer: My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character, which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen.

Officiant Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

People Thanks be to God.

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Step 8: We made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

Officiant Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

People For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of Truth.

Officiant Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye.

People Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Step 9: We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

The Promises: We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will

comprehend the word serenity, and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change. Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Step 10: We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

People Christ have mercy.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Step 11: We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for the knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out.

Eleventh Step Prayer: Lord, make me a channel of thy peace – that where there is hatred, I may bring love – that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness – that where there is discord, I may bring harmony – that where there is error, I may bring truth – that where there is doubt, I may bring faith – that where there is despair, I may bring hope – that where there are shadows, I may bring light – that where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than be comforted – to understand than to be understood – to love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life. Amen.

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.

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer.

People And let our cry come to you.

Officiant Let us pray: Be present, O Merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and the chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant Keep watch dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous: and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Officiant Present your own thanksgivings, intercessions, and petitions.

Step 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Officiant and People:

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. 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. Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant concludes:

The Almighty and Merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

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