AN ORDER FOR NIGHT PRAISE AND PRAYER

*This service of serenity and silence is for use by groups immediately prior to sleep or when retiring at night as they end their day in prayer. The people may remain seated for the entire service.*

CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

*A large unadorned candle may be lighted. The following may be sung (Hymn 222) or spoken:*

O God, come to our assistance.

**O Lord, hasten to help us.**

The Lord Almighty grant us a restful night and peace at the last.

**Amen**.

NIGHT HYMN *Sung or spoken. Suggested from* UMH:

682–93 Evening Hymns

Hymns listed under Evening Prayer

498 My Prayer Rises to Heaven

486 O Gladsome Light

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*Prayers of confession and words of pardon may be offered. See UMH 890–93 and 474–94.*

*Following these prayers, all may sing. Suggested from UMH:*

490 Hear Us, O God 484 Kyrie Eleison

482 Lord, Have Mercy 491 Remember Me

483 Kyrie Eleison

*See also in* The United Methodist Book of Worship*:*

O Lamb of God (Hymn 201)

O Lord, Deliver Us (Hymn 195)

Señor, Apiádate de Nosotras (Hymn 188)

SILENCE

SONG OF PRAISE

*The following or other scripture song or hymn from UMH may be sung:*

741 Psalm 4 810 Psalm 91

767 Psalm 33 850 Psalm 134

769 Psalm 34 854 Psalm 139:1–12

SILENCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER \* *Sung or spoken. See UMH 270–71, 894–96.*

COMMENDATIONS

In peace we will lie down and sleep.

**In the Lord alone we safely rest.**

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping,

**that awake we may watch with Christ,**

 **and asleep we may rest in peace.**

May the divine help remain with us always.

**And with those who are absent from us.**

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THE SONG OF SIMEON *See* UMH 225, 226

BLESSING

May the God of hope

 fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope

 by the power of the Holy Spirit.

 (ROMANS 15:13)

THE PEACE \*

 *Signs of peace may be exchanged, and all may depart in silence.*

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