

## The Aiden Compline

(Celtic Daily Prayer, Prayers and Readings from the Northumbria Community;  
Harper 2002, pp 30ff)

+ indicates you may make the sign of the cross

\* indicates a change of reader

All say together the sections in **bold type**

The sections in ***bold italic type*** box should be said by each in turn

+ (silently)

\* O Christ, Son of the living God,  
May your holy angels guard our sleep  
May they watch over us as we rest  
And hover around our beds

\* Let them reveal to us in our dreams  
Visions of your glorious truth,  
O High Prince of the universe,  
O High Priest of the mysteries

\* May no dreams disturb our rest  
And no nightmares darken our dreams.  
May no fears or worries delay  
Our willing, prompt repose

\* May the virtue of our daily work  
Hallow our nightly prayers.  
May our sleep be deep and soft  
So our work be fresh and hard.

**I will lie down and sleep in peace  
For You alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety**

***My dear ones, O God, bless Thou and keep,  
In every place where they are.***

\* Into Your hands I commit my spirit;  
I give it to you with all the love of my heart.

\* How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!  
Were I to count them,  
They would outnumber the grains of the sand.  
When I am awake, I am still with You.

**I make the cross of Christ upon my breast,  
+ over the tablet of my hard heart  
and I beseech the Living God of the universe –  
May the Light of Lights come to my dark heart from Thy place;  
May the Spirit's wisdom come to my heart's tablet from my Savior.**

\* Christ without sin, Christ of wounds,  
I am placing my soul and body under Thy guarding this night,  
Christ of the poor, Christ of tears.  
Thy cross by my shielding this night,  
O Thou Son of tears, of the wounds, of the piercing.

**I am going now into the sleep:  
O be it in Thy dear arms keep,  
O God of grace, that I shall awake.**

\* My Christ! My Christ! My shield, my encircler,  
Each day, each night, each light, each dark.

\* My Christ! My Christ! My shield, my encircler,  
Each day, each night, each light, each dark.  
Be near me, uphold me, my treasure, my triumph.

<p><b><i>Circle me Lord, Keep protection near And danger afar</i></b></p>
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\* Circle me, Lord  
Keep light near, and darkness afar.

\* Circle me, Lord,  
Keep peace within; keep evil out.

**The peace of all peace be mine this night  
+ in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**