

THE NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK

The angels of God guard us through the night/*and quieten the powers of darkness.*

The Spirit of God be our guide/*to lead us to peace and glory.*

It is but lost labour the we haste to rise up early and so late take rest, and eat the bread of anxiety. For those beloved of God are given gifts even while they sleep.

My brothers and sisters, our help is in the name of the Lord/*who is making the heavens and the earth.*

Night Prayer: Dear God, thank you for all the is good, for our creation and for our humanity, for the stewardship you have given us over the earth, for the gifts of life and of one another, for your love which is unbounded and eternal.e

O thou, most holy and beloved, my Companion, my Guide upon the way, my bright evening star.

We repent the wrongs we have done.

We have wounded your love/*O God heal us.*

We stumble in the darkness. *Light of the world transfigure us.*

We forget we are your home, *Spirit of God dwell in us.*

Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we move and live and have our being, all that we are, have been and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us. Living flame burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us,

fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. Amen,

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips. that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the God of love. *Alleluia, Alleluia.*