

Nighttime Prayer

My God, I love You with all my heart.
I thank You for having kept me safe this day.
Pardon me the evil I have done, and accept the good I have done.
Take care of me while I sleep and deliver me from all danger.
May Your grace be always with me and with all my loved ones.
Amen.

This is a prayer that many people might recite at bedtime. But have you thought of what goes on when you are asleep under the warm and safe covers of your bed? What about the night animals?

Did you know?



A mole, 15cm long can dig a tunnel over 90metres long in just one night!



The badger comes out at dusk and goes to bed at dawn. It is Britain's largest land carnivore. (It mostly eats worms.) An adult male weighs

about 12kg and measures around a metre long. Badgers don't see too well in the dark,

which is strange for a nocturnal mammal, but their sense of smell is incredible!



Web-building spiders generally spin their webs at night. They are specially catch their prey of insects. Lots of people are scared of spiders, but they are actually useful animals.



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A centipede has a pair of legs on every segment of its body.



Otters are often out hunting at night.

Otters are strong swimmers, but a mother otter has to teach her young cubs to swim!

eating?

Can you see what this otter is



Fireflies get their name because of the luminous organs on their abdomens. It gives off a yellowish-green light.

Did you know that bats navigate at night by using a kind of sonar system? They make noises in their noses, and then listen for the echo returning to their ears. They can avoid wires, etc. in the dark, and catch tiny prey, such as moths. They are the only mammal that can actually fly.



An owl's eyesight is around 100 times better than a person's at night. Owls have large eyes to let in as much light as they can. Their hearing is also very good.

They need good eyesight and hearing if they are to find their prey in the dark.

The fox often comes out at night, though it can be seen in daylight too. It tends to be more nocturnal in areas where there is a lot of human interference, and artificial light.

So, you see, there is still lots going on in our world when you are safely tucked up in bed.



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