

Need another word that means the same as “vigil”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “vigil” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Vigil” are: watch, vigilance, close watch, monitoring, policing, surveillance, sentry duty, burial, burying, interment, entombment, committal, inhumation, laying to rest, consignment to the grave

Vigil as a Noun

Definitions of "Vigil" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “vigil” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A period of sleeplessness.*
- *(in the Christian Church) the eve of a festival or holy day as an occasion of religious observance.*
- *A purposeful surveillance to guard or observe.*
- *The rite of staying awake for devotional purposes (especially on the eve of a religious festival).*
- *Nocturnal devotions.*
- *A period of keeping awake during the time usually spent asleep, especially to keep watch or pray.*
- *A stationary, peaceful demonstration in support of a particular cause, typically without speeches.*



Synonyms of "Vigil" as a noun (15 Words)

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| burial | The action or practice of burying a dead body. <i>Burial mounds.</i> |
| burying | Concealing something under the ground. |
| close watch | The temporal end; the concluding time. |
| committal | The burial of a dead body. <i>His committal to prison.</i> |
| consignment to the grave | The delivery of goods for sale or disposal. |
| entombment | The ritual placing of a corpse in a grave. <i>The entombment of Christ.</i> |
| inhumation | A burial or buried corpse. <i>Cremation took over from inhumation as the dominant burial rite.</i> |

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| interment | The burial of a corpse in a grave or tomb, typically with funeral rites. <i>The day of interment.</i> |
| laying to rest | The production of eggs (especially in birds). |
| monitoring | An ironclad vessel built by Federal forces to do battle with the Merrimac. <i>The monitoring of enemy communications plays an important role in war times.</i> |
| policing | The enforcement of regulations or an agreement. <i>A ten point plan to improve policing.</i> |
| sentry duty | A person employed to keep watch for some anticipated event. |
| surveillance | Close observation of a person or group (usually by the police). <i>He found himself put under surveillance by British military intelligence.</i> |
| <u>vigilance</u> | Vigilant attentiveness. <i>Security duties that demand long hours of vigilance.</i> |
| <u>watch</u> | The officers and crew on duty during a watch. <i>Murray took the last watch before dawn.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Vigil" as a noun

- *The group held a candlelight vigil outside the jail.*
- *My birdwatching vigils lasted for hours.*
- *As he lay in a coma the family kept vigil.*



Associations of "Vigil" (30 Words)

appeal

A shout of 'How's that?' or a similar call by a bowler or fielder to an umpire to declare a batsman out.

*I **appealed** to the law of 1900.*

beg

Acquire food or money from someone by begging.

*She **begged** me to say nothing to her father.*

beseech

Ask (someone) urgently and fervently to do something; implore; entreat.

*They earnestly **beseached** his forgiveness.*

cadge

A padded wooden frame on which hooded hawks are carried to the field.

*He **cadged** fivers off old school friends.*

carefulness

The quality of being careful and painstaking.

*I admired the **carefulness** of his work.*

conjure

Engage in plotting or enter into a conspiracy, swear together.

*She had forgotten how to **conjure** up the image of her mother's face.*

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| dermatology | The branch of medicine concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of skin disorders. |
| <u>entreat</u> | Ask someone earnestly or anxiously to do something. <i>The King I fear hath ill entreated her.</i> |
| entreaty | An earnest or humble request. <i>An entreaty to stop the fighting.</i> |
| implore | Call upon in supplication; entreat. <i>I implore mercy.</i> |
| invocation | The act of appealing for help. <i>His invocation of the ancient powers of Callanish.</i> |
| nursing | The profession or practice of providing care for the sick and infirm. <i>A nursing sister.</i> |
| ophthalmology | The branch of medicine concerned with the study and treatment of disorders and diseases of the eye. |
| optometry | The practice of an optometrist. |
| pantheon | A monument commemorating a nation's dead heroes. <i>The deities of the Hindu pantheon.</i> |
| <u>petition</u> | Write a petition for something to somebody request formally and in writing. <i>A Highland chief petitioned her father for her hand in marriage.</i> |
| <u>plea</u> | A defendant's answer by a factual matter (as distinguished from a demurrer). <i>He made a dramatic plea for disarmament.</i> |
| <u>plead</u> | Make an allegation in an action or other legal proceeding especially answer the previous pleading of the other party by denying facts therein stated or by alleging new facts. <i>She was pleading insanity.</i> |
| podiatry | The treatment of the feet and their ailments; chiropody. |
| polytheism | Belief in multiple Gods. <i>The polytheism of the ancient Near East.</i> |
| <u>pray</u> | Address a deity a prophet a saint or an object of worship say a prayer. <i>And what pray was the purpose of that.</i> |
| <u>prayer</u> | Someone who prays to God. <i>It is our prayer that the current progress on human rights will be sustained.</i> |

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| <u>protector</u> | <p>The title of the head of state in England during the later period of the Commonwealth between 1653 and 1659, first Oliver Cromwell (1653–8), then his son Richard (1658–9).</p> <p><i>A man who became her protector adviser and friend.</i></p> |
| psychiatric | <p>Relating to or used in or engaged in the practice of psychiatry.</p> <p>Psychiatric hospital.</p> |
| <u>solicitation</u> | <p>Request for a sum of money.</p> <p>A solicitation to the king for relief.</p> |
| suppliant | <p>Humbly entreating.</p> <p>A suppliant for her favors.</p> |
| supplicant | <p>Making or expressing a plea, especially to someone in power or authority.</p> <p><i>We are equals and not supplicants begging for work.</i></p> |
| supplicate | <p>Ask for humbly or earnestly, as in prayer.</p> <p>Supplicate God s blessing.</p> |
| supplication | <p>The act of communicating with a deity (especially as a petition or in adoration or contrition or thanksgiving).</p> <p><i>He fell to his knees in supplication.</i></p> |
| <u>watch</u> | <p>The officers and crew on duty during a watch.</p> <p><i>Sea air lots of exercise and four hour watches give everyone a healthy appetite.</i></p> |

