



Celtic Daily Prayers

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Monday

You have searched me
and known me, O God.
You know when I sit down
and when I rise up.
(Ps 139:1-2)

Silence

*Be still
and aware of God's presence
within and all around.*

Opening prayer and thanksgiving

Thanks be to you, O God,
that I have risen this day
to the rising of this life itself.
May it be a day of blessing,
O God of every gift,
a day of new beginnings given.
Help me to avoid every sin
and the source of every sin to forsake,
and as the mist scatters
from the crest of the hills
may each ill haze clear
from my soul, O God.

Free prayers of thanks

Scripture Readings

Psalm 102

- 1 O Lord, hear my prayer:
and let my cry come to you.
- 2 Do not hide your face from me in the day of my trouble:
turn your ear to me;
and when I call, be swift to answer.
- 3 For my days pass away like smoke:
and my bones burn as in a furnace.
- 4 My heart is scorched and withered like grass:
and I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 I am weary with the sound of my groaning:
my bones stick fast to my skin.
- 6 I have become like an owl in the wilderness:
like a screech-owl among the ruins.

7 I keep watch and flit to and fro:
like a sparrow upon a housetop.

8 My enemies taunt me all day long:
and those who rave at me make oaths against me.

9 Surely I have eaten ashes for bread:
and mingled my drink with tears,

10 Because of your wrath and indignation:
for you have taken me up and tossed me aside.

11 My days decline like a shadow:
and I wither away like grass.

12 But you, Lord, are enthroned for ever:
and your name shall be known
throughout all generations.

13 You will arise and have mercy upon Zion:
for it is time to pity her, the appointed time has come.

14 Your servants love even her stones:
and her dust moves them to pity.

15 Then shall the nations fear your name, O Lord:
and all the kings of the earth your glory,

16 When the Lord has built up Zion:
when he shows himself in his glory,

17 When he turns to the prayer of the destitute:
and does not despise their supplication.

18 Let this be written down for those who come after:
and a people yet unborn will praise the Lord.

19 For the Lord has looked down
from the height of his holiness:
from heaven he has looked upon the earth,

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner:
to deliver those condemned to die;

21 That they may proclaim the name of the Lord in Zion:
and his praises in Jerusalem,

22 When the nations are gathered together:
and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.

23 He has broken my strength before my time:
he has cut short my days.

24 Do not take me away, O God, in the midst of my life:
you, whose years extend through all generations.

25 In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth:
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

- 26 They shall perish, but you will endure:
they shall all grow old like a garment;
like clothes you will change them,
and they shall pass away.
- 27 But you are the same for ever:
and your years will never fail.
- 28 The children of your servants shall rest secure:
and their seed shall be established in your sight.

Luke 11:29-32

²⁹ When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, 'This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰ For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. ³¹ The queen of the South will rise at the judgement with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! ³² The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgement with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here!

Silence

*Reflect on the gospel
and remember
that God is with those
who are poor and betrayed.*

Intercessions

O Christ of the poor and the yearning,
kindle in my heart within
a flame of love for my neighbour,
for my foe, for my friend,
for my kindred all.
From the humblest thing that lives
to the Name that is highest of all,
kindle in my heart within
a flame of love.

*Pray for the coming day
and for justice and peace.*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

This day and this night, O God,
may I know
the deep peace
of the running wave
the deep peace of the flowing air
the deep peace
of the quiet earth
the deep peace of the shining stars
the deep peace of the Son of Peace.

Tuesday

If I ascend to heaven
you are there, O God.
And if I make my bed in hell,
still you are with me.
(Ps 139.8)

Silence

*Be still
and aware of God's presence
within and all around.*

Opening prayer and thanksgiving

In the beginning, O God,
you shaped my soul and set its weave.
You formed my body
and gave it breath.
Renew me this day
in the image of your love.
O great God, grant me your light.
O great God, grant me your grace.
O great God, grant me your joy this day
and let me be made pure
in the well of your health.

Free prayers of thanks

Scripture readings

Psalm 103

- 1 Praise the Lord, O my soul:
and all that is within me, praise his holy name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul:
and forget not all his benefits,
- 3 Who forgives all your sin:
and heals all your infirmities,
- 4 Who redeems your life from the Pit:
and crowns you with mercy and compassion;
- 5 Who satisfies your being with good things:
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord works righteousness:
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses:
and his works to the children of Israel.

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
slow to anger and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always be chiding:
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins:
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth:
so great is his mercy over those that fear him;
- 12 As far as the east is from the west:
so far has he set our sins from us.
- 13 As a father is tender towards his children:
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.
- 14 For he knows of what we are made:
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 Our days are but as grass:
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone:
and its place will know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord
endures for ever and ever toward those that fear him:
and his righteousness upon their children's children;
- 18 Upon those who keep his covenant:
and remember his commandments to do them.
- 19 The Lord has established his throne in heaven:
and his kingdom rules over all.
- 20 Praise the Lord, all you his angels,
you that excel in strength:
you that fulfil his word,
and obey the voice of his commandment.
- 21 Praise the Lord, all you his hosts:
his servants who do his will.
- 22 Praise the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion:
praise the Lord, O my soul!

Luke 11:37-41

³⁷ While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him; so he went in and took his place at the table. ³⁸ The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. ³⁹ Then the Lord said to him, 'Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹ So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you.'

Silence

*Reflect on the gospel
and on the Christ of the cross,
suffering in the world
with all those who are broken.*

Intercessions

O Christ of the road
of the wounded,
O Christ of the tears
of the broken,
in me and with me
the needs of the world.
Grant me my prayers
of loving and hoping.
Grant me my prayers
of yearning and healing.

*Pray for the coming day
and for the healing
within and among all people.*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

God before me, God behind me,
God above me, God beneath me.
I on your path, O God,
you, O God, on my way.
In the twistings of the road
in the currents of the river
be with me by day
be with me by night
be with me by day and by night.

Wednesday

It was you who formed
my inward parts,
you knit me together
in my mother's womb.
I praise you
for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made.
(Ps 139:13-14)

Silence

*Be still
and aware of God's presence
within and all around.*

Opening prayer and thanksgiving

O Sun behind all suns,
I give you greeting this new day.
Let all creation praise you.
Let the daylight
and the shadows praise you.
Let the fertile earth
and the swelling sea praise you.
Let the wind and the rain
the lightening and the thunder
praise you
Let all that breathes,
both male and female, praise you.
And I shall praise you. O God of all life
I give you greeting this day.

Free prayers of thanks

Scripture readings

Psalm 104:1-34

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul:
 O Lord my God, how great you are!
- 2 Clothed with majesty and honour:
 wrapped in light as in a garment.
- 3 You have stretched out the heavens like a tent-cloth:
 and laid the beams of your dwelling upon their waters;

- 4 You make the clouds your chariot:
and ride upon the wings of the wind;
- 5 You make the winds your messengers:
and flames of fire your ministers;
- 6 You have set the earth on its foundations:
so that it shall never be moved.
- 7 The deep covered it as with a mantle:
the waters stood above the hills.
- 8 At your rebuke they fled:
at the voice of your thunder they hurried away;
- 9 They went up to the mountains,
they went down by the valleys:
to the place which you had appointed for them.
- 10 You fixed a limit which they may not pass:
they shall not return again to cover the earth.
- 11 You send springs into the gullies:
which run between the hills;
- 12 They give drink to every beast of the field:
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 13 Beside them the birds of the air build their nests:
and sing among the branches.
- 14 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high:
and the earth is filled by the fruits of your work.
- 15 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle:
and all green things for the creatures that serve us.
- 16 You bring food out of the earth:
and wine that makes glad the human heart,
- 17 Oil to give us a shining countenance:
and bread to strengthen the heart.
- 18 The trees of the Lord are well-watered:
the cedars of Lebanon that he has planted,
- 19 Where the birds build their nests:
and the stork makes her home in the pine-tops.
- 20 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats:
and the crags a cover for the conies.
- 21 You created the moon to mark the seasons:
and the sun knows the hour of its setting.
- 22 You make darkness, and it is night:
in which all the beasts of the forest move by stealth.
- 23 The lions roar for their prey:
seeking their food from God.
- 24 When the sun rises, they retire:
and lay themselves down in their dens.

- 25 Human beings go out to their work:
and to their labour until the evening.
- 26 Lord, how various are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all,
and the earth is full of your creatures.
- 27 There is the wide, immeasurable sea:
there move living things without number, great and small;
- 28 There go the ships, to and fro:
and there is that Leviathan
whom you formed to sport in the deep.
- 29 These all look to you:
to give them their food in due season.
- 30 When you give it to them, they gather it:
when you open your hand
they are satisfied with good things.
- 31 When you hide your face, they are troubled:
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.
- 32 When you send forth your spirit they are created:
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:
may the Lord rejoice in his works.
- 34 If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

Luke 11:42-46

⁴² 'But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practised, without neglecting the others. ⁴³Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honour in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the market-places. ⁴⁴Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it.'

⁴⁵ One of the lawyers answered him, 'Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too.' ⁴⁶And he said, 'Woe also to you lawyers! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them.'

Silence

*Reflect on the gospel
and on God
as the wellspring of all life.*

Intercessions

There is no plant in the ground
but tells of your beauty, O Christ.
There is no creature on the earth,
there is no life in the sea
but proclaims your goodness.
There is no bird on the wing,
there is no star in the sky, there is nothing beneath the sun
but it is full of your blessing.
Lighten my understanding
of your presence all around, O Christ.
Kindle my will
to be caring for creation.

*Pray for the coming day
and for the care of the earth.*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Closing prayer

Bless to me, O God,
my soul that comes from on high.
Bless to me, O God,
my body that is of earth.
Bless to me, O God,
each scent that goes to my nostrils,
each taste that goes to my lips,
each ray that guides my way.

Thursday

If I take the wings
of the morning
and settle at
the furthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand
shall hold me fast.
(Ps 139 9-10)

Silence

*Be still
and aware of God's presence
within and all around.*

Opening prayer and thanksgiving

O loving Christ
who died upon the tree,
each day and each night
I remember your love.
In my lying down
and in my rising up,
in life and in death
you are my health and my peace.
Each day and each night
I remember your forgiveness
bestowed on me so gently
and generously.
Each day and each night
may I be fuller in love to you.

Free prayers of thanks

Scripture readings

Psalm 107

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
for his loving mercy is for ever.
- 2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so:
whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
- 3 And gathered in from every land,
from the east and from the west:
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some went astray in the wilderness and in the desert:
and found no path to an inhabited city;

5 They were hungry and thirsty:
and their heart fainted within them.

6 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.

7 He led them by the right path:
till they came to an inhabited city.

8 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does
for the children of Adam;

9 For he satisfies the thirsty:
and fills the hungry with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and in deadly shadow:
bound fast in affliction and iron,

11 Because they had rebelled against the words of God:
and scorned the purposes of the Most High.

12 So he bowed down their hearts with affliction:
they tripped headlong, with none to help them.

13 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.

14 He brought them out from darkness and deadly shadow:
and broke their chains in two.

15 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does
for the children of Adam;

16 For he shatters the doors of bronze:
and cleaves the bars of iron.

17 Fools were far gone in transgression:
and because of their sins were afflicted.

18 They sickened at any food:
and had come to the gates of death.

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.

20 He sent his word and healed them:
and saved their life from the Pit.

21 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does
for the children of Adam;

22 Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving:
and tell what he has done with shouts of joy.

23 Those who go down to the sea in ships:
and follow their trade on great waters,

24 They have seen the works of God:
and his wonders in the deep.

- 25 For he spoke, and raised the storm-wind:
and it lifted high the waves of the sea.
- 26 They go up to the sky, and down again to the depths:
their courage melts away in the face of disaster.
- 27 They reel and stagger like drunkards:
and are at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble.
- 29 He calmed the storm to a silence:
and the waves of the sea were stilled.
- 30 Then they were glad because they were quiet:
and he brought them to the haven they longed for.
- 31 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does
for the children of Adam;
- 32 Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people:
and praise him in the council of elders.
- 33 He turns the rivers into desert:
and springs of water into thirsty ground.
- 34 He makes of a fruitful land a salty waste:
because its inhabitants are evil.
- 35 He turns the wilderness into a pool of water:
and parched ground into flowing springs.
- 36 And there he settles the hungry:
and they build a city to live in.
- 37 They sow fields and plant vineyards:
which give them fruitful harvest.
- 38 He blesses them, and they multiply greatly:
he does not let their cattle diminish.
- 39 But he pours contempt upon princes:
and makes them stray in the pathless desert;
- 40 They are weakened and brought low:
through stress of adversity and sorrow.
- 41 But he lifts the poor out of misery:
and increases their families like flocks of sheep.
- 42 The upright shall see it and rejoice:
and all wickedness shall shut its mouth.
- 43 Whoever is wise, let them observe these things:
and consider the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Luke 11:47-54

⁴⁷Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed. ⁴⁸So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors; for they killed them, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, "I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute", ⁵⁰so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, ⁵¹from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation. ⁵²Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.'

⁵³When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile towards him and to cross-examine him about many things, ⁵⁴lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

Silence

*Reflect on the gospel
and on the One who calls us
to follow him
as the way, the truth and the life.*

Intercessions

Life be in my speech,
truth in what I say.
The love Christ Jesus gave
be filling every heart for me.
The love Christ Jesus gave
be filling me for everyone.

*Pray for the coming day
and to follow Christ more closely.*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Closing prayer

Bless to me, O God,
the earth beneath my feet.

Bless to me O God,
the path on which I go.

Bless to me, O God,
the people whom I meet.

O God of all gods
bless to me my life.

Friday

Where can I go
from your spirit, O God?
(Ps 139:7)

Silence

*Be still
and aware of God's presence
within and all around.*

Opening prayer and thanksgiving

I awake this morning in the presence
of the holy angels of God.
May heaven open wide before me
above me and around me
that I may see
the Christ of my love
and his sunlit company
in all things of earth this day.

Free prayers of thanks

Scripture readings

Psalm 111

- 1 O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord
with my whole heart:
 in the company of the upright
 and among the congregation.
- 2 The works of the Lord are great:
 and studied by all who take delight in them.
- 3 His deeds are majestic and glorious:
 and his righteousness stands for ever.
- 4 His marvellous acts have won him a name
to be remembered:
 the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He gives food to those that fear him:
 he remembers his covenant for ever.
- 6 He showed his people the power of his acts:
 in giving them the heritage of the heathen.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just:
 and all his commandments are sure;

- 8 They stand firm for ever and ever:
they are done in faithfulness and in truth.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people,
he ordained his covenant for ever:
holy is his name and worthy to be feared.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and of good understanding are those
that keep his commandments:
his praise shall endure for ever.

Luke 12:1-7

¹ Meanwhile, when the crowd gathered in thousands, so that they trampled on one another, he began to speak first to his disciples, 'Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is, their hypocrisy. ² Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ³ Therefore whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops.

⁴ 'I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. ⁵ But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. ⁷ But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Silence

*Reflect on the gospel and remember
that the life of heaven
and the life of earth
are interwoven.*

Intercessions

O God of life, of all life, of each life,
I offer you my prayers
in the love of Christ
in affection of Christ
in the company of Christ.
As your own household
desires in heaven
so may I desire on earth this day.

*Pray for the coming day
and for the life of the world.*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

The love and affection
of the angels be with me.

The love and affection
of the saints be with me.

The love and affection
of heaven be with me,
to lead me and to cherish me
this day.