



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 30

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord,
for you have drawn me up from the depths:
and have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried to you:
and you have made me whole.
- 3 You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence:
you saved my life
from among those that go down to the Pit.
- 4 Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones:
and give thanks to his holy name.

- 5 For if in his anger is havoc,
in his good favour is life:
heaviness may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning.
- 6 In my prosperity I said 'I shall never be moved:
your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm a hill.'
- 7 Then you hid your face from me:
and I was greatly dismayed.
- 8 I cried to you, O God:
and made my petition humbly to my Lord.
- 9 'What profit is there in my blood,
if I go down to the Pit:
can the dust give you thanks,
or declare your faithfulness?
- 10 'Hear, O Lord, and be merciful:
O Lord, be my helper.'
- 11 You have turned my lamentation into dancing:
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy,
- 12 That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent:
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Luke 7:1-10

¹After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. ²A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. ³When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. ⁴When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, 'He is worthy of having you do this for him, ⁵for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.' ⁶And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, 'Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; ⁷therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' ⁹When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, 'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.' ¹⁰When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

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 33

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
for it befits the just to praise him.
- 2 Give the Lord thanks upon the harp:
and sing his praise to the lute of ten strings.
- 3 O sing him a new song:
make sweetest melody, with shouts of praise.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is true:
and all his works are faithful.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice:
the earth is filled with the loving-kindness of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made:
and their numberless stars by the breath of his mouth.

- 7 He gathered the waters of the sea as in a water-skin:
and laid up the deep in his treasuries.
- 8 Let the whole earth fear the Lord:
and let all the inhabitants of the world
stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it was done:
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord frustrates the counsels of the nations:
he brings to nothing the devices of the peoples.
- 11 But the counsels of the Lord shall endure for ever:
the purposes of his heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord:
the people he chose to be his own possession.
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven
and surveys all the children of Adam:
he considers from his dwelling-place
all the inhabitants of the earth;
- 14 He who fashioned the hearts of them all:
and comprehends all that they do.
- 15 A king is not saved by a mighty army:
nor is a warrior delivered by much strength;
- 16 A horse is a vain hope as a deliverer:
nor can he rescue any by his great power.
- 17 But the eye of the Lord is on those that fear him:
on those that trust in his unfailing love,
- 18 To deliver them from death:
and to feed them in the time of dearth.
- 19 We have waited eagerly for the Lord:
for he is our help and our shield.
- 20 Surely our hearts shall rejoice in him:
for we have trusted in his holy name.
- 21 Let your merciful kindness be upon us, O Lord:
even as our hope is in you.

Luke 7:11-17

¹¹ Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹²As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' ¹⁴Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!' ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favourably on his people!' ¹⁷This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

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 42

- 1 As a deer longs for the running brooks:
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is thirsty for God, thirsty for the living God:
when shall I come and see his face?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night:
while they ask me all day long 'Where now is your God?'

- 4 As I pour out my soul by myself, I remember this:
how I went to the house of the Mighty One,
into the temple of God,
- 5 To the shouts and songs of thanksgiving:
a multitude keeping high festival.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul:
and why so unquiet within me?
- 7 O put your trust in God:
for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me:
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
from Mizar among the hills of Hermon.
- 9 Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waters:
all your waves and breakers have gone over me.
- 10 Surely the Lord will grant his loving mercy
in the day-time:
and in the night his song will be with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to God, my rock, 'Why have you forgotten me:
why must I go like a mourner
because the enemy oppresses me?'
- 12 Like a sword through my bones,
my enemies have mocked me:
while they ask me all day long 'Where now is your God?'
- 13 Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul:
and why so unquiet within me?
- 14 O put your trust in God:
for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.

Luke 7:31-35

³¹ 'To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? ³²They are like children sitting in the market-place and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not weep."

³³For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, "He has a demon"; ³⁴the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" ³⁵Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.'

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 43

- 1 Give judgement for me, O God,
take up my cause against an ungodly people:
deliver me from the deceitful and unjust.
- 2 For you are God my refuge—
why have you turned me away:
why must I go like a mourner
because the enemy oppresses me?

- 3 O send out your light and your truth,
and let them lead me:
let them guide me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
- 4 Then I shall go to the altar of God,
to God my joy and my delight:
and to the harp I shall sing your praises, O God, my God.
- 5 Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul:
and why so unquiet within me?
- 6 O put your trust in God:
for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.

Luke 7:36-50

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷ And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.' ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' ⁴¹ 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' ⁴³ Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' ⁴⁴ Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' ⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

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 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength:
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved:
and though the mountains are shaken
in the midst of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters rage and foam:
and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God:
the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her,
therefore she shall not be moved:
God will help her, and at break of day.
- 6 The nations make uproar, and the kingdoms are shaken:
but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall tremble.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come then and see what the Lord has done:
what destruction he has brought upon the earth.

- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world:
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear,
and burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10 'Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted upon the earth.'
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Luke 8:1-3

¹ Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, ²as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

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.

