



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 114

- 1 When Israel came out of Egypt:
and the house of Jacob from among a people
of an alien tongue,
- 2 Judah became his sanctuary:
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea saw that, and fled:
Jordan was driven back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams:
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled:
O Jordan, that you were driven back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams:
and you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord:
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water:
and the flint-stone into a welling spring.

Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' ¹⁵And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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 116

- 1 I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:
the voice of my supplication;
- 2 Because he inclined his ear to me:
in the day that I called to him.
- 3 The cords of death encompassed me,
the snares of the grave took hold on me:
I was in anguish and sorrow.
- 4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me!'
- 5 Gracious and righteous is the Lord:
full of compassion is our God.
- 6 The Lord preserves the simple:
when I was brought low, he saved me.

- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest:
for the Lord has rewarded you.
- 8 For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death:
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.
- 9 I will walk before the Lord:
in the land of the living.
- 10 I believed that I would perish, I was brought very low:
I said in my haste 'Everyone is a liar.'
- 11 How shall I repay the Lord:
for all his benefits to me?
- 12 I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 13 I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.
- 14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of his faithful ones.
- 15 O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.
- 16 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 17 I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people,
- 18 In the courts of the house of the Lord:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Luke 12:35-40

³⁵ 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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 118

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 Let the house of Aaron proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.

- 4 Let those who fear the Lord proclaim:
that his mercy endures for ever.
- 5 In my danger I called to the Lord:
he answered and set me free.
- 6 The Lord is on my side, I shall not fear:
what can flesh and blood do to me?
- 7 The Lord is at my side as my helper:
I shall see the downfall of my enemies.
- 8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord:
than to trust to flesh and blood:
- 9 It is better to take refuge in the Lord:
than to put your trust in princes.
- 10 All the nations surrounded me:
but in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
- 11 They surrounded, they surrounded me on every side:
but in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
- 12 They swarmed about me like bees,
they blazed like fire among the thorns:
in the name of the Lord I drove them back.
- 13 I was pressed so hard that I almost fell:
but the Lord was my helper.
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.
- 15 The sounds of joy and deliverance:
are in the tents of the righteous.
- 16 The right hand of the Lord does mighty things:
the right hand of the Lord raises up.
- 17 I shall not die but live:
and proclaim the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has disciplined me hard:
but he has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open me the gates of righteousness:
and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord:
the righteous shall enter it.
- 21 I will praise you, for you answered me:
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected:
has become the head of the corner.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing:
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made:
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

- 25 O Lord, save us, we pray:
O Lord, send us prosperity.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord:
from the house of the Lord we bless you.
- 27 The Lord is God, and he has given us light:
guide the festal throng up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 You are my God and I will praise you:
you are my God, I will exalt you.
- 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.

Luke 12:41-48

⁴¹Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?' ⁴²And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? ⁴³Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. ⁴⁴Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁵But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, ⁴⁶the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. ⁴⁷That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. ⁴⁸But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

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 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I find help?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble:
and he who watches over you will not sleep.
- 4 Be sure he who has charge of Israel:
will neither slumber nor sleep.

- 5 The Lord himself is your keeper:
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day:
nor shall the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord will defend you from all evil:
it is he who will guard your life.
- 8 The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:
from this time forward for evermore.

Luke 12:49-53

⁴⁹ 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:
father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me:
 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
- 2 And now our feet are standing:
 within your gates, O Jerusalem;
- 3 Jerusalem which is built as a city:
 where the pilgrims gather in unity.
- 4 There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:
 as he commanded Israel,
 to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- 5 There are set thrones of judgement:
 the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 may those who love you prosper.
- 7 Peace be within your walls:
 and prosperity in your palaces.
- 8 For the sake of my kindred and companions:
 I will pray that peace be with you.
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:
 I will seek for your good.

Luke 12:54-59

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

⁵⁷ 'And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? ⁵⁸Thus, when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the case, or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison.

⁵⁹ I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.'

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

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your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

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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.

