



# 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 138

- 1 I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:  
even before the gods will I sing your praises.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name:  
because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness,  
for you have made your name and your word  
supreme over all things.
- 3 At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:  
and put new strength within my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:  
for they have heard the words of your mouth;
- 5 And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:  
that the glory of the Lord is great.

- 6 For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:  
and he comprehends the proud from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of danger,  
yet will you preserve my life:  
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my  
enemies, and your right hand shall save me.
- 8 The Lord will complete his purpose for me:  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
do not forsake the work of your own hands.

### **Luke 14:12-14**

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

### **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 139:1-18

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:  
you know when I sit or when I stand,  
you comprehend my thoughts long before.
- 2 You discern my path and the places where I rest:  
you are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue:  
but you, Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You have encompassed me behind and before:  
and have laid your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:  
so high that I cannot endure it.
- 6 Where shall I go from your spirit:  
or where shall I flee from your presence?

7 If I ascend into heaven you are there:  
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.  
8 If I spread out my wings towards the morning:  
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
9 Even there your hand shall lead me:  
and your right hand shall hold me.  
10 If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me:  
and the night will enclose me',  
11 The darkness is no darkness with you,  
but the night is as clear as the day:  
the darkness and the light are both alike.  
12 For you have created my inward parts:  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
13 I will praise you, for you are to be feared:  
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.  
14 You knew my soul,  
and my bones were not hidden from you:  
when I was formed in secret,  
and woven in the depths of the earth.  
15 Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:  
and in your book were all my members written;  
16 Day by day they were fashioned:  
and not one was late in growing.  
17 How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:  
and how great is the sum of them!  
18 Were I to count them,  
they are more in number than the sand:  
were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.

### **Luke 14:15-24**

15 One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, 'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!' <sup>16</sup>Then Jesus said to him, 'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. <sup>17</sup>At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now." <sup>18</sup>But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies." <sup>19</sup>Another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies." <sup>20</sup>Another said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come." <sup>21</sup>So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." <sup>22</sup>And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room."

<sup>23</sup>Then the master said to the slave, “Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup>For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.” ’

## **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 146

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul:  
while I live I will praise the Lord;
- 2 While I have any being:  
I will sing praises to my God.
- 3 Put not your trust in princes:  
nor in flesh and blood, which cannot save.

- 4 For when their breath goes from them,  
they return again to the earth:  
and on that day all their thoughts perish.
- 5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob:  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
- 6 The God who made heaven and earth:  
the sea, and all that is in them,
- 7 Who keeps faith for ever:  
who deals justice to those that are oppressed.
- 8 The Lord gives food to the hungry:  
and sets the captives free.
- 9 The Lord gives sight to the blind:  
the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.
- 10 The Lord loves the righteous:  
the Lord cares for the stranger in the land.
- 11 He upholds the widow and the fatherless:  
as for the way of the wicked, he turns it upside down.
- 12 The Lord shall be king for ever:  
your God, O Zion, shall reign through all generations.  
Praise the Lord.

### **Luke 14:25-33**

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

### **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 147

- 1 O praise the Lord,  
for it is good to sing praises to our God:  
and to praise him is joyful and right.
- 2 The Lord is rebuilding Jerusalem:  
he is gathering together the scattered outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the broken in spirit:  
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars:  
and calls them all by name.

5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power:  
there is no measuring his understanding.

6 The Lord restores the humble:  
but he brings down the wicked to the dust.

7 O sing to the Lord a song of thanksgiving:  
sing praises to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with cloud,  
and prepares rain for the earth:  
and makes the grass to sprout upon the mountains.

9 He gives the cattle their food:  
and feeds the young ravens that call to him.

10 He takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse:  
nor does he delight in anyone's legs,

11 But the Lord's delight is in those that fear him:  
who wait in hope for his mercy.

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem:  
sing praises to your God, O Zion.

13 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates:  
and blessed your children within you.

14 He makes peace within your borders:  
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

15 He sends his command to the earth:  
and his word runs very swiftly.

16 He gives snow like wool:  
and scatters the hoar-frost like ashes.

17 He sprinkles his ice like morsels of bread:  
and the waters harden at his frost.

18 He sends out his word and melts them:  
he blows with his wind and the waters flow.

19 He made his word known to Jacob:  
his statutes and judgements to Israel.

20 He has not dealt so with any other nation:  
nor have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the Lord.

### **Luke 15:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to

them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost."

<sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

## **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 148

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:  
O praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all his angels:  
O praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon:  
praise him, all you stars of light.
- 4 Praise him, you highest heaven:  
and you waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
for he commanded and they were made.
- 6 He established them for ever and ever:  
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.
- 7 O praise the Lord from the earth:  
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:  
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;
- 9 Mountains and all hills:  
fruit trees and all cedars;



- 10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:  
    creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:  
    princes, and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens:  
    old folk and children together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
    for his name alone is exalted.
- 14 His glory is above earth and heaven:  
    and he has lifted high the horn of his people.
- 15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:  
    of the children of Israel, a people that is near him.  
    Praise the Lord.

### **Luke 16:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” <sup>6</sup>He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

### **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.