



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 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side,  
now may Israel say:  
    if the Lord had not been on our side,  
    when our enemies rose against us,
- 2 Then they would have swallowed us alive:  
    when their anger was kindled against us.
- 3 Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,  
and the torrent gone over us:  
    the raging waters would have gone clean over us.
- 4 But praised be the Lord:  
    who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.
- 5 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler:  
    the snare is broken, and we have gone free.

6 Our help is in the name of the Lord:  
who has made heaven and earth.

### **Luke 13:10-17**

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

<sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

### **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 126

- 1 When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:  
then were we like those restored to life.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter:  
and our tongue with singing.
- 3 Then said they among the heathen:  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 Truly the Lord has done great things for us:  
and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:  
as the streams return to the dry south.
- 6 Those who sow in tears:  
shall reap with songs of joy.

7 They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:  
shall come again in gladness,  
bringing their sheaves with them.

### **Luke 13:18-21**

<sup>18</sup> He said therefore, 'What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? <sup>19</sup>It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.'

<sup>20</sup> And again he said, 'To what should I compare the kingdom of God?

<sup>21</sup>It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

### **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 127

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house:  
their labour is but lost that build it.
- 2 Unless the Lord keeps the city:  
the watchmen watch in vain.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise up early and go so late to rest,  
eating the bread of toil:  
for the Lord bestows honour—and on those whom he loves.



- 4 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord:  
and the fruit of the womb is his gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior:  
are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy the man who has his quiver full of them:  
he will not be put to shame  
when he confronts his enemies at the gate.

### **Luke 13:22-30**

<sup>22</sup> Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> Someone asked him, 'Lord, will only a few be saved?' He said to them, <sup>24</sup> 'Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup> When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then in reply he will say to you, "I do not know where you come from." <sup>26</sup> Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets." <sup>27</sup> But he will say, "I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!" <sup>28</sup> There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. <sup>29</sup> Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup> Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

### **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 128

- 1 Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord:  
and walks in the confine of his ways.
- 2 You will eat the fruit of your labours:  
happy shall you be, and all shall go well with you.
- 3 Your wife within your house:  
shall be as a fruitful vine;
- 4 Your children around your table:  
like the fresh shoots of the olive.

- 5 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed:  
who lives in the fear of the Lord.
- 6 May the Lord so bless you from Zion:  
that you see Jerusalem in prosperity  
all the days of your life.
- 7 May you see your children's children:  
and in Israel let there be peace.

### **Luke 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' <sup>32</sup> He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

### **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 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:  
Lord, hear my voice;
- 2 O let your ears consider well:  
the voice of my supplication.
- 3 If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:  
who then, O Lord, could stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with you:  
so that you shall be feared.
- 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:  
and in his word is my hope.
- 6 My soul looks for the Lord:  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:  
and with him is ample redemption.
- 8 He will redeem Israel:  
from the multitude of their sins.

## **Luke 14:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>2</sup> Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup> And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, 'Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?' <sup>4</sup> But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. <sup>5</sup> Then he said to them, 'If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?' <sup>6</sup> And they could not reply to this.

## **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.