



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 93

- 1 The Lord is king, and has put on robes of glory:
the Lord has put on his glory,
he has girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the world so firm:
that it cannot be moved.
- 3 Your throne is established from of old:
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice:
the floods lift up their pounding.

- 5 But mightier than the sound of many waters,
than the mighty waters or the breakers of the sea:
the Lord on high is mighty.
- 6 Your decrees are very sure:
and holiness, O Lord, adorns your house for ever.

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶ He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷ He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.'
²⁸ And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'
²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' ³⁰ Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷ He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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 95

- 1 O come, let us sing out to the Lord:
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God:
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth:
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his and he made it:
his hands moulded dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down:
and kneel before the Lord our maker.

- 7 For he is the Lord our God:
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 8 Today if only you would hear his voice—
'Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah:
as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;
- 9 'When your forebears tested me:
put me to proof, though they had seen my works.
- 10 'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:
"It is a people who err in their hearts,
for they do not know my ways";
- 11 'Of whom I swore in my wrath:
"They shall not enter my rest."

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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 96

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song:
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations:
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:
he is more to be feared than all gods.

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Majesty and glory are before him:
beauty and power are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:
render to the Lord glory and might.
- 8 Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Say among the nations that the Lord is king:
he has made the world so firm
that it can never be moved;
and he shall judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:
let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
- 12 Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:
then shall all the trees of the wood
shout with joy before the Lord;
- 13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

Luke 11:1-4

¹ He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ² He said to them, 'When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

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 98

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;
- 2 His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance
in the sight of the nations.

- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.
- 6 Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.
- 7 With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.
- 8 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;
- 10 For he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Luke 11:5-13

⁵ And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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 99

- 1 The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion:
he is high above all nations.
- 3 Let them praise your great and terrible name:
for holy is the Lord.
- 4 The Mighty One is king and loves justice:
you have established equity,
you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.
- 5 O exalt the Lord our God:
and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name:
they called to the Lord and he answered.
- 7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud:
they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.

- 8 You answered them, O Lord our God:
you were a forgiving God to them,
and pardoned their wrongdoing.
- 9 O exalt the Lord our God:
and bow down towards his holy hill,
for the Lord our God is holy.

Luke 11:14-26

¹⁴ Now he was casting out a demon that was mute; when the demon had gone out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. ¹⁵ But some of them said, 'He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.' ¹⁶ Others, to test him, kept demanding from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house. ¹⁸ If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? —for you say that I cast out the demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ Now if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. ²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. ²² But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armour in which he trusted and divides his plunder. ²³ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴ 'When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting-place, but not finding any, it says, "I will return to my house from which I came." ²⁵ When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first.'

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.