



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 6

- 1 O Lord, rebuke me not in your indignation:
nor chasten me in your fierce displeasure.
- 2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak:
O Lord, heal me, for my very bones are afraid.
- 3 My soul also is greatly troubled:
and you, Lord—how long will you delay?
- 4 Turn again, O Lord, and deliver my soul:
O save me for your mercy's sake.
- 5 For in death no one remembers you:
and who can give you thanks from the grave?
- 6 I am wearied with my groaning:
every night I drown my bed with weeping,
and water my couch with my tears.

- 7 My eyes waste away for sorrow:
they grow dim because of all my enemies.
- 8 Away from me, all you that do evil:
for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping.
- 9 The Lord has heard my supplication:
the Lord will receive my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall be put to shame and
greatly dismayed:
they shall turn back and be confounded in a moment.

Luke 17:1-6

¹Jesus said to his disciples, 'Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! ²It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. ⁴And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, "I repent", you must forgive.'

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ⁶The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

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 8

- 1 O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:
by the mouths of babes and sucklings.
- 3 You have founded a strong defence
against your adversaries:
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers:
the moon and the stars which you have set in order,
- 5 What are we, that you should be mindful of us:
what are we, that you should care for us?
- 6 Yet you have made us little less than gods:
and have crowned us with glory and honour.

- 7 You have given us dominion over your handiwork:
and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,
8 All sheep and oxen:
and all the creatures of the field,
9 The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:
and everything that moves
in the pathways of the great waters.
10 O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!

Luke 17:7-10

⁷ ‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!” ’

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 13

- 1 How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me:
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,
and be so grieved in my heart day and night:
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me:
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

- 4 Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed':
lest my foes exult at my overthrow.
5 Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love:
O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.
6 And I will make my song to the Lord:
because he deals so bountifully with me.

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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 16

- 1 Preserve me, O God:
for in you have I taken refuge.
- 2 I have said to the Lord, You are my lord:
and all my good depends on you.
- 3 As for those who are held holy on the earth:
the other gods in whom people delight,
- 4 Though the idols are many that they run after:
their offerings of blood I will not offer,
nor take their name upon my lips.

- 5 The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup:
you hold my lot in your hands.
- 6 The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places:
and a fair land is my possession.
- 7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:
at night also he has instructed my heart.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me:
he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:
my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 10 For you will not give me over to the power of death:
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life:
in your presence is the fulness of joy,
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

Luke 17:20-25

²⁰ Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, 'The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; ²¹ nor will they say, "Look, here it is!" or "There it is!" For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.'

²² Then he said to the disciples, 'The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.

²³ They will say to you, "Look there!" or "Look here!" Do not go, do not set off in pursuit. ²⁴ For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. ²⁵ But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation.

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 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true,
and makes wise the simple.

- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right,
and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging,
and righteous every one.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey,
than the honey that drips from the comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
- 14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Luke 17:26-37

²⁶Just as it was in the days of Noah, so too it will be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷They were eating and drinking, and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed all of them. ²⁸Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, ²⁹but on the day that Lot left Sodom, it rained fire and sulphur from heaven and destroyed all of them ³⁰—it will be like that on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹On that day, anyone on the housetop who has belongings in the house must not come down to take them away; and likewise anyone in the field must not turn back. ³²Remember Lot's wife. ³³Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it. ³⁴I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. ³⁵There will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken and the other left.' ³⁷Then they asked him, 'Where, Lord?' He said to them, 'Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.'

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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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.