

Daily Prayer *(Celtic daily prayer)*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening Sentences

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.
Establish Thou the work of our hands;
establish Thou the work of our hands.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen

Declaration of faith

I believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.
I believe and trust in Jesus Christ His Son.
I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.
I believe and trust in the Three in One.

Canticles

Christ, as a light
illumine and guide me.
Christ, as a shield
overshadow me.
Christ under me;
Christ over me;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light;
Christ as a shield;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.

Teach us, dear Lord, to number our days;
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
Oh, satisfy us early with Thy mercy,
that we may rejoice and be glad all of our days.
And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us;
and establish Thou the work of our hands.
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and establish Thou the work of our hands, dear Lord.

Blessing

Let nothing disturb thee,
nothing affright thee;
all things are passing,
God never changeth!
Patient endurance attaineth to all things;
who God possesseth
in nothing is wanting;
alone God sufficeth.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Night Prayer (Compline)

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen
Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day may follow.

Holy God,
Holy and strong,
Holy and immortal
Have mercy on me Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; 
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 How long will your nobles dishonour my glory; 
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?
- 3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; 
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not; 
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness 
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' 
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, 
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.
- 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, 
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen

 *Traditionally, this symbol denotes taking a short pause as the Psalm is said.*

Scripture Reading

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God. (*Jeremiah 14.9*)

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.
I commend my spirit.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Keep me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Gospel Canticle *The Nunc Dimittis (The Song of Simeon Luke 2.29-32)*

Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: 
your word has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation 
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;
- 3 A light to reveal you to the nations 
and the glory of your people Israel.

Prayers may be offered here.

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from it the snares of the enemy; may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer may be said.

The Blessing

In peace we will lie down and sleep; for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety. Abide with us, Lord Jesus, for the night is at hand and the day is now past. As the night watch looks for the morning, so do we look for you, O Christ. The Lord bless us and watch over us; the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us; the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.
Amen