

Compline – Saturday, October 24, 2020
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Celtic Prayers from Iona – J. Philip Newell

Opening Words

Search me O God and know my heart / Test me and know my thoughts / See if there is any
wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting *Psalm 139:23-24*

Be still and aware of the presence of the Divine within and all around

Opening Prayer and Thanksgiving

A shade are you in the heat O God
A shelter are you in the cold.
Eyes are you to the blind O God
A staff are you to the weak.
An island are you at sea O God.
A rock are you on land.
O my soul's healer
keep me at evening
keep me at morning
keep me at noon.
I am tired, astray and stumbling
Shield me from sin.
O my soul's healer
Shield me from sin.

FREE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

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
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
Now and for ever. Amen.

Scripture – Hebrews 13:1-5 - CEV

Keep being concerned about each other as the Lord's followers should.

Be sure to welcome strangers into your home. By doing this, some people have welcomed angels as guests, without even knowing it. Remember the Lord's people who are in jail and be concerned for them. Don't forget those who are suffering, but imagine that you are there with them. Have respect for marriage. Always be faithful to your partner, because God will punish anyone who is immoral or unfaithful in marriage. Don't fall in love with money. Be satisfied with what you have. The Lord has promised that he will not leave us or desert us. That should make you feel like saying,

"The Lord helps me!
Why should I be afraid
of what people
can do to me?"

Poem – "Hope" by Emanuel Carnevali

Tomorrow will be beautiful
For tomorrow comes out of the lake

Intercessions

Watch now O Christ
with those who are weary
or wandering
or weeping this night.
Guide them to a house
of your peace
And lead me to be caring
for their tears.

FREE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Closing Prayer

Grant to me, O Trinity of grace, From whom all life freely flows
That no tie over-strict, no tie over-dear, May be between myself and this world.
As it was, As it is, As it shall be evermore,
With the ebb, With the flow, O Trinity of Grace.

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