



## CELTIC DAILY PRAYER

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*A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.*

**In the name of the Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;  
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to seek the Lord in the Lord's temple.**

Who is it that you seek?

**We seek the Lord our God.**

Do you seek God with all your heart?

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Do you seek God with all your soul?

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Do you seek God with all your mind?

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Do you seek God with all your strength?

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

### **DECLARATION OF FAITH**

**To whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life,**

**and we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.**

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*The Celtic Daily Prayer readings for each day are listed at the end of this liturgy.*

*The Book of Alternative Services Daily Lectionary may be found at: <https://lectionary.anglican.ca>.*

## REFLECTION

*What word or phrase stood out for you in the passage?  
What spoke to you in the passage?  
What meaning had you not perceived before?  
What is the Gospel asking you to do today?*

## PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

As gulls in hunger's flight keep to the boat's track,  
**may we follow in Christ's wake.**

As we hunger and thirst for truth,  
**may we follow in Christ's wake.**

May we sound the depths of love,  
**For Christ's sake.**

In the strong name of Jesus, we bless all that is living,  
and recognise in all that lives the reflection of the Word who said,  
**'Let there be life',**  
and it lives.

Teach us to care for all that is entrusted to us,  
**and nurture every sign of Your presence.**

Circle our dear ones in Your love and blessing;  
**and protect us all from evil and from danger.**

Give us open eyes to see beyond what others say is possible;  
**give us the insight to recognise and name deceit.**

May the blessing of our love, and our strong joy in blessing,  
**call out new growth in everyone we know and meet.**

Give us a generosity that pushes back the boundaries,  
**for even death by You has been defeated.**

*Specific prayers may be offered as desired.*

With all our powers,  
**we find power in You.**

The light shines on,  
**and life is lived in You.**

## CANTICLE

**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 on 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 to 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 on my right.**

## **BLESSING**

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with us, wherever He may send us.  
May He guide us through the wilderness, protect us through the storm.  
May He bring us home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown us.  
May He bring us home rejoicing once again into our doors.**

**In the name of the Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now.*

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## **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **ASK FOR THE OLD PATHS**

17 March – Psalm 121:7-8; Isaiah 38:8; Acts 8:35-40  
18 March – Psalm 72:12-13; Proverbs 21:13-14; James 2:17-18  
19 March – Psalm 63:1-4; Jeremiah 6:16; 1 Timothy 2:8  
20 March – Psalm 49:1-3; Isaiah 58:6-8; 2 Timothy 2:2  
21 March – Psalm 78:70-72; 2 Kings 2:8-14; Hebrews 12:22-23  
22 March – Psalm 107:23-30; Jonah 1:14-15; Mark 4:36-41  
23 March – Psalm 103:19-22; Exodus 3:2-5; 2 Timothy 4:7-8  
24 March – Psalm 89:15-16; Ezekiel 34:11-12; James 5:16  
25 March – Psalm 55:22; Proverbs 16:1-3; Colossians 3:12-15  
26 March – Psalm 91:14; Isaiah 35:7; Ephesians 6:10-13  
27 March – Psalm 5:11-12; Isaiah 43:10-11; Revelation 1:8  
28 March – Psalm 22:14-17; Isaiah 53:5; John 21:19-20  
29 March – Psalm 15:2-4; Micah 6:8; 3 John 5-6  
30 March – Psalm 16:6; Genesis 18:1-8; Matthew 25:34-40  
31 March – Psalm 72:6-7; Isaiah 26:3-4; John 21:21-22

### **THE INWARD JOURNEY**

1 April – Psalm 86:11; Proverbs 5:1; Hebrews 12:11  
2 April – Psalm 86:16; Proverbs 3:13-14; Luke 14:28-30  
3 April – Psalm 135:4-6; Genesis 32:24-31; Revelation 19:16  
4 April – Psalm 133; 1 Kings 5:17; 1 Peter 2:5

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