

Morning Prayer – Thursday, October 22, 2020
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Celtic Prayers from Iona – J. Philip Newell

Opening Words

If I take the wings
of the morning
and settle at
the furthest limits of the sea
Even there your hand
shall lead me
and your right hand
shall hold me fast (Psalm 139:9-10)

Be still and aware of the presence of the Divine 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 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 – John 15:11-17 (Contemporary English Version)

I have told you this to make you as completely happy as I am. Now I tell you to love each other, as I have loved you. The greatest way to show love for friends is to die for them. And you are my friends, if you obey me. Servants don't know what their master is doing, and so I don't speak to you as my servants. I speak to you as my friends, and I have told you everything that my Father has told me. You did not choose me. I chose you and sent you out to produce fruit, the kind of fruit that will last. Then my Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name. So I command you to love each other.

Poem – “Coqi” by Carmen Bernier-Grand

One tiny tree frog
with big eyes
sings happily,
“Kokee! Kokee!”

His brother comes to bother.
Coquí doesn't push him.
Coquí doesn't bite him.
Coquí tells him,
“Kokee-Kee! Kokee-Kee!”

Two tiny tree frogs
with big eyes
sing happily,

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.

FREE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

Sources:

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