

**Compline – Wednesday, May 27 2020**

*Celtic Daily Prayer* – The Northumbria Community

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INVOCATION

The Sacred Three

to save

to shield

to surround

this hearth

this home

this night

every night.

O God of life, this night,  
close not Thy gladness to my sight.

Keep me and all who are dear to me  
In the arms of Your embrace.  
Shelter us under Your wings.

Be our hope in distress.  
Be our calm in anxiety.  
Be our strength in weakness.  
Be our comfort in pain.  
Be our song in the night.

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 19:13-15

Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

*(a moment of silence for reflection)*

Poem – "Night Piece" by Juan Ramón Jiménez, trans. by Robert Bly  
The sea with no waves we recognize,  
with no stations on its route,  
only water and moon, night after night!

My thought goes back to the land,

someone else's land, belonging to the one  
going through it on trains at night,  
through the same place at the same hour  
as before . . .

Remote mother,  
sleeping earth,  
powerful and faithful arms,  
the same quiet lap for all  
—tomb of eternal life  
with the same decorations freshened—  
earth, mother, always  
true to yourself, waiting for  
the sad gaze  
of the wandering eyes!

My thought goes back to the land,  
—the olive groves at sunrise—  
outlined sharply in the white  
or golden or yellow moonlight,  
that look forward to the coming back  
of those humans who are neither its slaves nor its masters,  
but who love it anyway . . .

*(a moment of silence for reflection)*

#### **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.**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

O God, at this time, we lift up to you our concerns, hopes and thanksgivings for ourselves and others, naming them out loud or holding them in our hearts....

CLOSING PRAYERS

God, your unfailing love sustains the life of the world: watch over those who work and those who rest, those who sorrow and those who rejoice, those who long for your peace and those who long to be enlivened by your Spirit. Bless us this night and enfold us in your mystery that we might deepen our trust in your grace and peace. **Amen.**

Calm me, O Christ, as You stilled the storm.  
Still me O Christ, keep me from harm.  
Let all the tumult within me cease.  
Enfold me, Lord, in Your peace.  
O God, bless the work that is done,  
and the work that is to be.

O God, bless the servant that I am,  
and the servant that I will be.

Sleep, O sleep in the calm of all calm.  
Sleep, O sleep in the guidance of all guidance.  
Sleep O sleep in the love of all loves.  
Sleep, O beloved, in the God of life. Amen.

Sources:

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