

Compline – Wednesday, September 30, 2020
Celtic Daily Prayer Book One: The Journey Begins

Opening Prayer

Hear I am, my Jesus, teach me.

Lord, be the gatherer of our dreams.
You set the countless stars in place,
And found room for each of them to shine.
You listen for us in Your heaven-bright hall.
Open our mouths to tell our tales of wonder.

Hear I am, my Jesus, teach me.

FREE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

I trust in Thee, O Lord.
I say, 'Thou art my God.
My times are in Thy hand,
my times are in Thy hand.'

Scripture – 1 Chronicles 16:7-15 (Contemporary English Version - CEV)

That same day, David instructed Asaph and his relatives for the first time to sing these praises to the LORD:

Praise the LORD
and pray in his name!
Tell everyone
what he has done.
Sing praises to the LORD!
Tell about his miracles.
Celebrate and worship
his holy name
with all your heart.
Trust the LORD
and his mighty power.
Worship him always.
Remember his miracles
and all his wonders
and his fair decisions.
You belong to the family
of Israel, his servant;

you are his chosen ones,
the descendants of Jacob.
The LORD is our God,
bringing justice
everywhere on earth.
We must never forget
his agreement and his promises,
not in thousands of years.

Poem – “In Praise of My Bed” by Meredith Holmes

At last I can be with you!
The grinding hours
since I left your side!
The labor of being fully human,
working my opposable thumb,
talking, and walking upright.
Now I have unclasped
unzipped, stepped out of.
Husked, soft, a be-er only,
I do nothing, but point
my bare feet into your
clean smoothness
feel your quiet strength
the whole length of my body.
I close my eyes, hear myself
moan, so grateful to be held this way.

Intercessory Prayer

If I open my eyes to the world around me,
If I open my heart to all people
That surround me,
Then I feel pain and brokenness,
I see suffering and injustice.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me:
I will hold Your people in my heart.

Personal Intercessions

Closing Prayer

I pray the protection of Christ to clothe me,
Christ to enfold me,
to surround me and guard me
this night and every night.

Be the keeper of my dreams
And my rest
that tomorrow I may wake refreshed,
ready to follow you wherever you lead.

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