

Compline – Friday, November 27, 2020

Celtic Daily Prayer – The Northumbria Community

**modifications made for inclusive language*

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Opening

O Christ, of the living God,
May Your holy angels guard our sleep,
May they watch over us as we rest
and hover around our beds.
Let them reveal to us in our dreams
visions of Your glorious truth.

May no nightmares darken our dreams
May no fears or worries delay our willing, prompt repose
May our sleep be deep and soft
so our work be fresh and spirited.

Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around

Scripture – Psalm 82 (NRSV)

God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
“How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?
Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”
They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
I say, “You are gods,
children of the Most High, all of you;
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.”
Rise up, O God, judge the earth;
for all the nations belong to you!

Poem – “Winter” by Sudeep Sen

Couched on crimson cushions,
pink bleeds gold

and red spills into one's heart.

Broad leather keeps time,
calibrating different hours
in different zones
unaware of the grammar
that makes sense.

Only random woofs and snores
of two distant dogs

on a very cold night
clears fog that is unresolved.

New plants wait for new heat —
to grow, to mature.

An old cane recliner contains
poetry for peace — woven

text keeping comfort in place.
But it is the impatience of want

that keeps equations unsolved.
Heavy, translucent, vaporous,

split red by mother tongues —
winter's breath is pink.

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

I will lie down and sleep in peace
For You alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.
My dear ones, O God, bless Thou and keep,
In every place where they are.

How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand.
When I awake, I am still with You.

Sources:

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