

## Monday Morning Prayer

### **Commitment to Christ**

*Adapted from "Celtic Prayers from Iona" by J. Philip Newell*

#### *Opening*

Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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)

#### *Silence*

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

Bell is rung.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

**O come, let us worship.**

#### *Opening prayer and Thanksgiving*

O loving Christ who died upon the tree,  
Each day and each night we remember your love.

**In our lying down and in our rising up, in life and in death,  
You are our health and our peace.**

Each day and each night we remember your forgiveness,  
Bestowed on us so gently and generously.

**Each day and each night may we be fuller in love to you.**

#### *The Psalms*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to....

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **THE GOSPEL READING**

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Silence as we reflect on the Word*

Reflect on the gospel and on the One who calls us to follow him as the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Bell is rung.

*Invitation to share reflections.*

*Response of Faith (From the Iona Abbey Worship Book)*

**With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's Image,  
Befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.  
With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of  
humanity,  
Planted more deeply than all that is wrong.  
With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,  
The unfolding purposes of God for ever at work in ourselves and the  
world.**

*Intercessions and Thanksgiving*

Life be in our speech, truth in what we say.

The love Christ Jesus gave be filling every heart for us.

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*Aloud or in silence, share your prayers of thanksgiving or concern. Pray for the coming day and to follow Christ more closely.*

*The Prayer of Jesus*

*Closing Prayer*

Bless to us O God the earth beneath our feet.

Bless to us O God the path on which we go.

Bless to us O God the people whom we meet.

O God of all gods, bless to us our lives.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**