

Celtic Advent Morning Prayer

*From Celtic Treasure: Daily Scriptures and Prayer by J. Philip Newell
Songs of the Soul*

Day 1

Opening Words *(as candle(s) are lit)*

We light a light
in the name of the God who creates life,
in the name of the Savior who loves life,
in the name of the Spirit who is the fire of life.

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

Meditation of the Day

Prayer

In the silence of our hearts or in spoken words
let us give thanks for the gift of this day
and pray for the life of the world . . .

*(Here brief prayers of thanksgiving and intercession may be offered
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Prayer of the Day

You have been our strength, O God.
At the beginning of the day you brought us from darkness into light.
At the ending of the day you lead us from busyness into stillness.
In earth's cycles and seasons you offer us new life and fresh beginnings.
Be our strength this day and the strength of new beginnings in our world.
Be our help, O God, and the help of those who cry out in need.

Closing Words *(after which the candle(s) are extinguished)*

The blessings of heaven,
the blessings of earth,
the blessings of sea and of sky.
On those we love this day
and on every human family
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O God of heaven, you are present on earth.
O God of the stars and planets, you are in the midst of the city.
O God above all things, you are in the depths of our being.
The river of your eternal life runs through all things.
Let us be glad to be bearers of your eternity.
Let us be glad to find you in one another.

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Prayer of the Day

Grant us open hearts, O God,
open to you
and open to one another,
open to the splendor of the earth
and open to its pain and the pain of its people.
Grant us open hearts, O God.

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Prayer of the Day

Give us peace in our days, O God.
Let us live in harmony with one another.
Let us care for the earth and its creatures.
Let us be true as nations.
Let us guard one another's dignity.
And let us protect the peace that belongs to the whole of creation.

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Prayer of the Day

For your goodness, O God, boundless and everlasting, thanks be to you.
For your generosity, gracious and wise, thanks be to you.
For your mercy, strong and free, thanks be to you.
Let us share your goodness.
Let us practice your generosity.
Let us live your mercy that we and the world may be well.

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Prayer of the Day

You know what is within us, O God.
You know the beauty and the falseness of our hearts.
You know the heights and depths of the human spirit.
Lead us further into the universe of our souls
that we may know the wisdom and strength that you have placed within us.
Lead us further into the mystery of our souls
that we may be strong and wise for the well-being of the world.

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Prayer of the Day

Blessed are you, O God of justice.
Blessed are you, O God of beauty.
Blessed are you, O God of gentleness.
Blessed are you, O God of wild unbridled winds.
We find you in all things.
We find you in every creature.
We find you in the depths of our ever-living souls.
Praise be to you.

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