

God of compassion and mercy,
Listen to our prayer.
May what we ask in Jesus Christ your Son
Be done according to his word, who said,
 ‘Ask and you will receive,
 Seek, and you will find,
 Knock, and the door will be opened to you.’

**To you, merciful God,
Through your Son,
In the life-giving Spirit,
Be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Lord our God,
As with all creation
We offer you the life of this new day,
Give us grace to love and serve you
To the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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A Celtic Evening Prayer

The stillness of God be mine this night
that I may sleep in peace.
The awareness of the angels be mine this night
that I may be alert to unseen mysteries.
The company of the saints be mine this night
that I may dream of the river of love.
The life of Christ be mine this night
that I may be truly alive to the morning
that I may be truly alive.

PRAYER IN THE MORNING



O Lord, open our lips
And we shall praise your name

May the words of my mouth
And the thoughts of my mind
Be acceptable to you,
Lord, my rock and my redeemer

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And shall be forever. Amen.

Come let us sing to the Lord
And rejoice in the Rock, our Saviour.
Let us come and give thanks in his presence,
And greet him with songs of praise.

**The Lord is a great God,
A king supreme over all;
In his hands are the depths of the earth,
And the mountain heights are his;
The sea is his - he made it -
And the dry land was formed by his hands.**

Come, let us kneel and adore,
Let us worship the Lord our maker.

**He is our God and we are His people,
The flock he leads with his hand.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And shall be forever. Amen.

Blessèd are you, Lord our God,
Giver of life,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

At the opening of this day
You call us out of darkness
Into your marvellous light.
Blessèd are you for ever and ever.
Amen.

PSALM 63: 1-4

**O God, you are my God, I seek you,
My soul thirsts for you;
My flesh faints for you,
As in a dry and weary land
Where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
Beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
My lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands
And call on your name.**

SCRIPTURE READING

BENEDICTUS

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit:
**As it was in the beginning, is now,
And shall be forever. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Let us offer our prayer
With all God's people
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Who ever lives to pray for us.

We pray for the needs of the world ...
We pray for the Church ...
We pray for all in trouble or distress ...
We pray for all who make a new beginning today ...

Other petitions may follow ...

Silent prayer