

Compline – Thursday, September 24, 2020

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From: *Celtic Prayers from Iona* – J. Philip Newell

Opening Words

If I say “surely the darkness shall cover me and the light around me become night.” Even the darkness is not dark to you; The night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.
(Psalm 139:11-12)

Be still and aware of the presence of the Divine within and all around

Opening Prayer and Thanksgiving

I am bending my knee
in the eye of the God
who created me
In the eye of the Son
who died for me
In the eye of the Spirit
who moves me
in love and in desire.
For the many gifts
you have bestowed on me
Each day and night
each sea and land
Each weather fair
each calm, each wild
Thanks be to you O God.

FREE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

The 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
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
Now and for ever. Amen.

Scripture – Acts 19:11-12 (Contemporary English Version)

God gave Paul the power to work great miracles. People even took handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched Paul's body, and they carried them to everyone who was sick. All of the sick people were healed, and the evil spirits went out.

SILENCE**Poem – “Divine Epigrams: On the Miracle of the Multiplied Loaves” by Richard Crashaw**

See here an easy feast that knows no wound,
That under hunger's teeth will needs be sound;
A subtle harvest of unbounded bread,
What would ye more? Here food itself is fed.

Intercessions

O God I place myself
with those who struggle
this night.
I am here in need
I am here in pain
I am here alone
O God help me.

Open Intercessions**Closing Prayer**

O Christ you are a bright flame
before me
You are a guiding star above me
You are the light and love
I see in others' eyes.
Keep me O Christ
in a love that is tender
Keep me O Christ
in a love that is true
Keep me O Christ
in a love that is strong
Tonight, tomorrow and always.

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