

Morning Prayer – Saturday, October 3, 2020  
*Celtic Daily Prayer Book One: The Journey Begins*

### **Opening Words**

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, O God.

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

### **Opening Prayer and Thanksgiving**

Thanks be to You,  
O ever-gentle Christ,  
for raising me freely  
from the darkness of last night  
into the kindly light of this day

### ***FREE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING***

On your path, O my God,  
and not my own,  
be all my journeying.  
Rule this heart of mine  
that it may be only Yours.

### **Scripture – Isaiah 49:8-9 (Contemporary English Version - CEV)**

This is what the LORD says:  
I will answer your prayers  
because I have set a time  
when I will help  
by coming to save you.  
I have chosen you  
to take my promise of hope  
to other nations.  
You will rebuild the country  
from its ruins,  
then people will come  
and settle there.  
You will set prisoners free  
from dark dungeons  
to see the light of day.

### **Poem – “Your World” by Georgia Douglas Johnson**

Your world is as big as you make it.  
I know, for I used to abide

In the narrowest nest in a corner,  
My wings pressing close to my side.

But I sighted the distant horizon  
Where the skyline encircled the sea  
And I throbbed with a burning desire  
To travel this immensity.

I battered the cordons around me  
And cradled my wings on the breeze,  
Then soared to the uttermost reaches  
With rapture, with power, with ease!

### **Intercessory Prayer**

Help me to know that the secret of contentment  
lies in organising the self  
in the direction of simplicity

Unless You have another task for me,  
keep me vigilant in prayer

### ***Personal Intercessions***

#### **Closing Prayer**

All I speak  
be blessed to me, O God.  
All I hear  
be blessed to me, O God.  
All I see  
be blessed to me, O God.  
All I sense  
be blessed to me, O God.  
All I taste  
be blessed to me, O God.  
Each step I take  
be blessed to me, O God.

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