

Prayers of Intercession

Ar n-Athair

Thought for the week ahead



Mary, Mother of all
creation
We your family,
Desire to be your
living presence
anew.

Form us as your rain quenching
parched souls with hope.

From us as your fire illuminating
indifferent hearts with faith.

Form us as your wind refreshing dusty
minds with wisdom.

Form us as your soil embracing all
with compassion.

In all these ways of life form us, so
that your seeds of justice sown deep
within us will flourish bearing
abundant fruit of peace and integrity.
Joined together with all creation we
will once again sing in harmony.
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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in
the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in
the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day
be restored.

*And they'll know we are Christians by
our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by
our love.*

We will walk with each other, we will
walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will
walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land.

We will work with each other, we will
work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will
work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity
and save each man's pride.

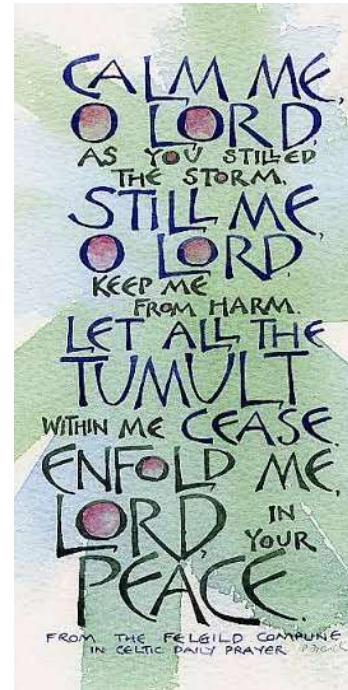
All praise the Creator, from whom all
things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, the only
Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes
us one.



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Welcome Becoming Present



Isaiah 56 1,6-7

Thus says the Lord: Maintain
justice, and do what is right, for
soon my salvation will come and
my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join
themselves to the Lord, to minister
to him, to love the name of
the Lord, and to be his servants,

all who keep the Sabbath and do
not profane it and hold fast my
covenant - these I will bring to my
holy mountain and make them
joyful in my house of prayer; their
burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar, for
my house shall be called a house
of prayer for all peoples.

Psalms 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light
upon us.
So will your ways be known upon
earth
and all nations learn your saving
help. *R*

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. *R*

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere
him. *R*

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

³Now I am speaking to you gentiles. Inasmuch as I am an apostle to the gentiles, I celebrate my ministry in order to make my own people jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

As regards the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but as regards election they are beloved for the sake of their ancestors, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also, they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that mercy shall be shown to all.

Matthew 15:21-28



Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Lectio

Creed for Immigrants

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger, and returning to his own country suffered the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power, who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured, accused and condemned to death unjustly.

But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead, not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God’s kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives

in all countries, and reunites all races.

I believe that the church is the secure home for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it, who speak the same language and have the same purpose.

I believe that the communion of the saints begins when we accept the diversity of the saints.

I believe in the forgiveness of sin, which makes us all equal, and in reconciliation, which identifies us more than does race, language, or nationality.

I believe that in the resurrection God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.

Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal in which no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens of God’s kingdom, which will never end. Amen.

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