

Celtic Night Prayer

The peace of Christ has come into the world.

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Three in one and one in three, Ruler of the earth and sea.

Light of light! When falls the evening.

Fold us in the peace of heaven;

Lead us to a holy calm.

We offer you, Lord, the troubles of this day.

We lay down our burdens at your feet.

Forgive us our sins,

Give us your peace.

And help us to receive your Word.

In the name of Christ. Amen

O God, You have been good.

You have been faithful;

You have been good.

You have shown us your love through all the years of our lives.

O God, you have been good.

You have been faithful;

You have been good.

You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world, which is full

Of your glory.

You put family around us, and comfort us with friends.

You touch us through the thoughtfulness and warmth of other people.

O God, You have been good.

You have been faithful;

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Reading

Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

In darkness you have been our light, In adversity and temptation a rock of strength.

You are the source of our joy, and all the reward we ever need.

Your loving kindness is everlasting

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You remembered us when we had forgotten you,
Followed us when we ran away.
Met us with forgiveness whenever we turned back to you.
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God our father,
You have set forth the way of life
For us in your beloved Son:
We confess with shame our slowness to learn from him, our reluctance
to follow Him.
You have spoken and called, and we have not given heed.
Your beauty has shone forth, and we have been blind.
Be tender in your mercy, Lord,
Be tender in your mercy.

Forgive us,
When we have not loved you
With all our heart, with all our soul,
With all our mind, with all our strength.
We have taken much, and returned little thanks;
Forgive us our coldness and indifference,
Our lack of constant love,
Our unbelief,
Our false pretences,
Our refusal to understand your ways.
Be tender in your mercy, Lord,
Be tender in your mercy.

Teach us your ways, O Lord and let us walk in your truth.
We put behind us our stubborn independence, and turn to you.
Be tender in your mercy, Lord,
Be tender in your mercy.

We are no longer our own, but yours:
Use us as you choose;
Rank us alongside whoever you choose;
Let us be employed for you, or laid aside for you.
Raised up for you, or brought down low for you;
Let us be full, let us be empty;
Let us have all things, let us have nothing;
With our whole hearts let us freely choose to yield all things to your
ordering and approval.

**So now, God of glory,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are ours and we are your own.**

We Believe, O God of all Gods that you are the eternal God of life. We believe, O God of all Gods, that you are the eternal God of love. We believe, O God and maker of all creation, that you are the creator of the high heaven, that you are the creator of the deep seas, that you are the creator of the wild earth.

We believe, O God of all the peoples, that you created our bodies and gave them breath; that you made us in your own image.

**We give you our worship with our whole lives,
We give you our assent with our whole power,
We give you our existence with our whole mind,
We give you our kneeling with our whole desire.**

Delight in the lord always.

Rejoice in the brightness of his presence.

Be renewed by the power of his love.

I lie down this night with God

And God will lie down with me.

The Lord's Prayer

God, heart of the world: revealed through every aspect of creation: understood through our awareness.

May we honour the holiness of creation and act accordingly so that your love is reflected in the way we live.

May we always be thankful for the food we eat and the friends we have.

May we forgive those who wish pain against us and be forgiven for the hurt we cause to others.

In the freedom of love may we live as your heartbeat and not be compromised by hesitation.

Through our freedom, may your justice be seen and heard and experienced forever and ever. Amen. (Sherri J. Weinberg)

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I lie down this night with Christ

And Christ will lie down with me.

O lie down this night with the Spirit

And the Spirit will lie down with me.

The Three of my love will be lying down with me.

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the son of peace to you.
The peace of the Lord be always with you