

Celtic Morning Prayer Based
on the Iona Community
Prayers

Opening Responses

The world belongs to God
THE EARTH AND ALL ITS PEOPLE
How good and how lovely it is
TO LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY
Love and faith come together
JUSTICE AND PEACE JOIN HANDS
If Christ's disciples keep silent
THESE STONES WOULD SHOUT
ALOUD

Confession

Loving God, Maker of all
HAVE MERCY ON US
Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor
HAVE MERCY ON US
Holy Spirit, Breath of life
HAVE MERCY ON US
Let us in silence admit our frailty and
confess our failings

Silence

Before God, with the people of God,
I confess to my brokenness:
To the ways I wound my life, the
lives of others and the life of the
world

MAY GOD FORGIVE YOU, CHRIST
RENEW YOU, AND THE SPIRIT
ENABLE YOU TO GROW IN LOVE
Amen

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OF GOD, WE CONFESS TO OUR
BROKENNESS:

TO THE WAYS WE WOUND OUR
LIVES, THE LIVES OF OTHERS AND
THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

May God forgive you, Christ renew
you, and the spirit enable you to
grow in love
AMEN

Move among us, O God; give us life
LET YOUR PEOPLE REJOICE IN
YOU
Make our hearts clean within us:
RENEW US IN MIND AND IN SPIRIT
Give us again the joy of your help
WITH YOUR SPIRIT OF FREEDOM
SUSTAIN US.

Word and Wisdom
Listen now for Word and Wisdom:

(Readings)

This is the word of God
FOR THE WORD OF GOD IN JESUS
FOR GOD'S WISDOM ALL AROUND
US
FOR GOD'S WORD AND WISDOM IN
US
THANKS BE TO GOD

Affirmation

With the whole church
WE AFFIRM THAT WE ARE MADE
IN GOD'S IMAGE, BEFRIENDED BY
CHRIST, EMPOWERED BY THE
SPIRIT
With people everywhere
WE AFFIRM GOD'S GOODNESS AT
THE HEART OF HUMANITY,
PLANTED MORE DEEPLY THAN
ALL THAT IS WRONG
With all creation

**WE CELEBRATE THE MIRACLE
AND WONDER OF LIFE, THE
UNFOLDING PURPOSES OF GOD,
FOREVER AT WORK IN
OURSELVES AND THE WORLD**

Prayer for the Community (ALL)

**O God, who gave to your servants
Columba, Teilo, Illtyd, John,
Nicholas and Mary the gifts of
courage, faith and cheerfulness,
and sent people out to carry the
word of your gospel to every
creature, grant, we pray, a like spirit
to your church, even at this present
time.**

**Further in all things the purpose of
our Community, that hidden things
may be revealed to us, and new
ways found to touch the lives of all.
May we preserve with each other
sincere charity and peace, and if it
be your holy will, grant that a place
of your abiding be continued still to
be a sanctuary and a light.
Through Jesus Christ, Amen**

Universal Prayer for Peace (ALL)

**Lead us from death to life, from
falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from
fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war
to peace.
Let peace fill our lives, our world,
our universe.
Peace, peace, peace.**

Prayers of the Community

**God of power and promise,
You gather and scatter your people**

**to the ends of the earth;
But wherever we go, we are never
beyond the reach of your love.
Gather us together now with the
Iona Community as we share in the
common prayer...**

The Lord's Prayer (ALL)
(In our own mother-tongues)

Silence

Closing responses
In work and worship
GOD IS WITH US
Gathered and scattered
GOD IS WITH US
Now and always
GOD IS WITH US

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