

## *Additional Prayers for use during the day*

### **A Prayer for Forgiveness**

*of use during Lent and at other times*

Giver of life, bearer of pain, Maker of love,  
you are able to accept in us  
what we cannot acknowledge.

You are able to name in us  
what we cannot bear to speak of.

You are able to hold in your memory  
what we have tried to forget.

Reconcile us through your cross  
to all that we have rejected in ourselves.

That we may find no part of creation  
to be alien or strange to us.

And that we ourselves may be made whole

Amen.

### **A Prayer of General Thanksgiving**

*Taken from the BCP*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty  
thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all  
people.

We bless Thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all, for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all the mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives;  
by giving up ourselves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory,  
world without end.  
Amen.

**Hymn: God the Creator,**  
*set to the tune for 'Morning Has Broken'*  
*By John Bell*

God the Creator, you in love made me,  
who was once nothing, but now have grown.  
I bring the best of all my life offers;  
for you I share whatever I own.

O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me,  
who was once no-one, lost and alone.  
I pledge to go wherever you summon,  
making your will and purpose my own.

O God the Spirit, you in love move me,  
who was once nowhere and felt unknown.  
I know my need of you for companion,  
all things can change when not on my own.

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And with the people summoned together,  
to be the Church in which faith is sown,  
I make my promise to live for Jesus,  
and let the world know all are his own.

### **Caim Prayer (When I do not know what to pray)**

*Celtic Daily Prayer: Book One, p.203*

Circle (*name / me / us*), Lord,  
Keep comfort near  
and discouragement afar.  
Keep peace within  
and turmoil out,

### **Prayers for committing our work to God**

*Celtic Daily Prayer: Book One, p.203*

This day is your gift to me;  
I take it, Lord, from your hand  
and thank you for the wonder of it.

God be with me in this your day,  
Every day and every way,  
With me and for me in this your day;  
And the love and affection of heaven be toward me.

All that I am, Lord, I place into your hands.  
All that I do, Lord,  
I place into your hands.

Everything I work for  
I place into your hands.  
Everything I hope for  
I place into your hands

The troubles that weary me  
I place into your hands  
The thoughts that disturb me  
I place into your hands.

Each that I pray for  
I place into your hands  
Each that I care for  
I place into your hands

I place into your hands, Lord,  
The choices that I face.  
Guard me from choosing the way perilous  
of which the end is heart-pain  
and the secret tear.

Rich in counsel,  
Show us the way that is plain and safe.

May I feel your presence at the heart of my desire,  
and so know it for your desire for me.  
Thus shall I prosper,  
thus see my purpose is from you,  
thus have power to do the good which endures.

Show me what blessing it is that I have work to do.  
and sometimes, and most of all,  
when the day is overcast and my courage faints,  
let me hear your voice, saying,

you are my beloved one,  
in whom I am well pleased.

### **'Honest to God'**

*By Nick Fawcett 'Prayers for all Seasons'*

Gracious God, Lord of all,  
we thank you that we can come to you in prayer,  
that for all your greatness, and wonder, and holiness,  
we can speak with you as to a friend.

We thank you that we can open our hearts to you,  
that we can pour out our innermost souls  
and share our deepest thoughts,  
in the knowledge that you are there,  
always ready to listen and to understand.

So now once more we lay our lives before you,  
open to your gaze –  
the bad as well as the good,  
the doubt as well as the faith,  
the sorrow as well as the joy,  
the despair as well as the hope.

We bring the anger as well as the peace,  
the hatred as well as the love,  
the confusion as well as the certainty,  
the fear as well as the trust.

Gracious God, we bring these,  
not with pride or any sense of arrogance,  
but honestly,  
recognising that you know through and through.

Help us to be truthful to ourselves and truthful to you,  
and so may we discover the renewing love  
which only you can offer –  
a love that frees us to live as you would have us live,  
and allows us to be the people you would have us be!  
Hear now our prayer, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **‘Hope after Difficulties’**

*by Nick Fawcett ‘Prayers for all Seasons’*

Loving Father,  
we thank you for your guidance  
during these past difficult days,  
for leading us safely through a time  
when the future seemed dark, and the present uncertain.  
Whenever we have needed you,  
You have been there.

We thank you for the support you have given  
when we have felt disheartened,  
the courage to keep on believing  
when we have been tempted to doubt,  
the strength to persevere despite adversity.  
Whenever we have needed you,  
You have been there.

Loving Father,  
may all we have experienced renew our trust  
in your continuing purpose for us.  
May it give us food for faith in times of difficulty yet to come.  
May it inspire us to serve you  
just as you have served us.  
Whenever we have needed you,  
You have been there.

Lead us forward, we pray,  
and help us to continue in the path you set before us,  
secure in the assurance that, whatever we face,  
your grace will be sufficient for us.  
Whenever we have needed you,  
You have been there.

Thanks be to God!  
Amen