

Morning Prayer for Fridays in Lent

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

Opening sentences

**One thing I have asked of the Lord,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord
and to seek Him in His temple.**

Call: Who is it that you seek?

Response: **We seek the Lord our God.**

Call: Do you seek Him with all your heart?

Response: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: Do you seek Him with all your soul?

Response: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: Do you seek Him with all your mind?

Response: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: Do you seek Him with all your strength?

Response: **Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

Declaration of faith

All: To whom shall we go?

**You have the words of eternal life,
and we have believed and have come to know
that You are the Holy One of God.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.**

Psalm

**Glory to you Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Today's Meditation

(from Celtic Daily Prayer)

Prayers for others

Prayer for Community (Iona Abbey Worship Book)

One: O Trinity of love, God in Community, holy and one,
Look now on us who look to you...

All: **And hear our prayer for our community**

One: Where there is falseness...

All: **Smother it by your truth**

One: Where there is any coldness...

All: **Kindle the flame of your love;**

One: Where there is joy and hope...

All: **Free us to share it together;**

One: And make us one...

All: **As you are one.**

All: **Before God and you who are near,
We release anything we hold against one another;
We regret all the harm we have done;
We stand beside the wrong in our lives
And ask for God's forgiveness.**

(Silence)

One: Jesus says to us, each one:
"Go and sin no more, Come and follow me."
Now bind our hands with honesty
As we offer them to each other
And our prayer to you:

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
Now and forever, Amen.**

An Affirmation of Faith (Iona)

We believe in God

Whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,

Whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,

Whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all, and

Whose love, defeating even death,

is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt;

In God we trust: and, in the name of Jesus Christ,

We commit ourselves, in the service of others,

To seek justice and to live in peace,

To care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of

God's goodness,

To live in the freedom of forgiveness

and the power of the Spirit of love,

and in the company of the faithful

So to be the church, for the glory of god. Amen

(or the following)

Affirmation of Faith (Nettleton, abr.)

One: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: **We believe in God, the creator and giver of life,
who brought all creation to birth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ: the Word made flesh,
embodying love and the need for love,
and calling us to rest in God.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
breathed into us at our birth, drawing us on to be born
again, nourishing our growth and inspiring our living.**

**We believe in the reconciliation of the world to God,
through Christ. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to
God's people on earth. Amen.**

Canticle

Christ, as a light
illumine and guide me.

Christ, as a shield
overshadow me.

Christ under me;

Christ over me;

Christ beside me
on my left and my right.

This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.

This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Christ as a light;

Christ as a shield;

Christ beside me
on my left and my right.

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

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*While this liturgy uses gendered language, we affirm that the Divine Being whom we call God
transcends human concepts of gender.