



Daily Prayer – All Souls

Druid in the Hills Breviary

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Approach and Invocation

Brothers and sisters, + our help is in the name of the Eternal God,
Who is making the heavens and the earth.

Glory to God, The Three-In-One, The One-In-Three,
Now and ever and unto Ages of Ages. Amen, Alleluia.

We arise today though a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the oneness
Of the Creator of creation.

Call for Peace

Deep within the still center of my being, may I find peace.

{PAUSE}

Silently within the quiet of the grove, may I share peace.

[PAUSE]

Gently within the greater circle of all creation, may I radiate peace.

]PAUSE]

Through the Strength of heaven,

Light of Sun,

Radiance of Moon,

Splendor of Fire,

Speed of Lightning,

Swiftness of Wind,

Depth of Sea,

Stability of Earth,

Firmness of Rock-

May there be peace in the North and the South, in the West and the East,
May there be Peace in the Land, in the Sea, and in the Sky.
May there be Peace through all the world.

The Druid Prayer (Everyone)

Grant, O God, your Protection;
And in protection, strength;
And in strength, understanding;
And in understanding, knowledge;
And in knowledge, the knowledge of justice;
And in the knowledge of justice, the love of it;
And in that love, the love of all existences;
And in the love of all existences,
the love of Creator God, Christ God, and Spirit God,
Mary our mother, all the angels and saints,
All of creation that sustains and nourishes us,
and all goodness.

--Adapted from Iolo Morganwg (attributed)

Song

A Chríost, mo Dhraoi! (AH KReest moe Ghree)	Líon mo chroí (Lee-un moe KRee)	Ah Christ, my Druid! Bless my heart.
Beannaigh mo chroí. (Bonnie moe KRee)	Le do ghrá (Leh duh Ghraw)	Ah Christ, my Druid! Open my heart.
A Chríost, mo Dhraoi! (AH KReest moe Ghree)	Le do ghrá (Leh duh Ghraw)	Ah Christ, my Druid! Fill my heart
Oscail mo chroí (Osskul moe KRee)	Le do ghrá dom (Leh duh Ghraw dum)	With your love, With your love, With your love for me.
A Chríost, mo Dhraoi! (AH KReest moe Ghree)		

-- Words by Cáit Finnegan-Grenier, based on St. Columba

A Chríost, mo Dhraoi!

O Christ, My Druid

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A_ Chríost, mo_ Dhraoi! A_ Chríost. mo Dhraoi! Bean - naigh, bean -
Os - cail, os -
Lí - on, lí -



naigh mo chroí. Bean -
cail mo chroí. A_ Chríost, mo_ Dhraoi! A_ Chríost. mo Dhraoi! Os -
on mo chroí. Lí -



naigh, Bean - naigh. mo chroí. A_
cail, os - cail mo chroí. A_ Le do ghrá, le do ghrá, le do
on, lí - on mo chroí.



ghrá, dom. le do ghrá, le do ghrá, dom.

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Invoking the Holy Spirit



In Druid thought and practice, Awen is seen as the spirit of inspiration, represented by the Goddess Cerridwen for many neo-Pagans. The Awen symbol (left) is three dots and three lines, often contained within a circle. The dots represent the three drops of the brew in Cerridwen's cauldron that splashed onto the hand of Gwion Bach, granting him wisdom and knowledge. The three lines, or rays, symbolize a myriad of concepts, depending on who you ask. In my own personal practice, I see Awen as the Holy Spirit. Many Druids begin rituals by chanting the word, "Awen" (AH-OO-WEN, drawing out each syllable).

Chanted on a single tone:

AWEN --- AWEN --- AWEN

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
And kindle in us the fire of your love.

O God, send out your spirit,
And renew the face of the earth.

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips
That our mouths may proclaim your praise.

The Word of God

Psalm 24:1-6

Ant. I shall see God's goodness in the land of the living.

God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *

God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of God; one thing I seek; *

That I may dwell in the house of God all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of God *

And to seek God in the temple.

Hear my voice, O God, when I call; *

Have mercy on me and answer me.

“Come,” my heart says, “seek God’s face!”

Your face, O God, will I seek. *

Do not hide your face from me.

I believe I shall see the goodness of God in the land of the living. *

Wait for God; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

Wait for God.

Glory to God, the Three-in-One, the One-in-Three, one holy and blessed Trinity, *

Now and ever and unto Ages of Age. Amen.

Ant. I shall see God’s goodness in the land of the living.

Reading from Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-10

Reader: Hear, now, the wisdom of God as revealed in sacred scripture.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain YHWH Omnipotent will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
food rich and succulent, and fine, aged wines.

On this mountain God will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples,
the shroud covering all nations,
destroying all death forever.

God will wipe away the tears from every cheek,
and will take away the shame of God's people on earth, wherever they live.
YHWH has spoken.

On that Day it will be said,
"This is our God, this is the One for whose liberation we waited,
YHWH is the One in whom we had hoped!
We rejoice exultantly in our deliverance,
for the hand of YHWH rests on this mountain!"

-- [*The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation*](#)

*Reader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,*

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

Reflection – [Samhain](#) by David Allen Ensley

The Wheel turns, Summer ends, Winter begins.
The harvest is gathered as Earth to her rest settles in.
We gather 'round the hearth with friends and kin,
For warmth and comfort as darkness closes in.
The veil between worlds grows thin,
Even those without sight may glimpse within.

We remember and honor those who've gone before
As we welcome them to the table once more.
Slowly fades the light, giving way to dark of night.
Warmth gives way to cold snow and rain
As Winter approaches once again.

Hail and Welcome, Holy Uriel, Greeter of those who cross the veil!
Hail and Welcome, all you Holy Ones!
Hail and Welcome, friends and family, near and far!
Hail and Welcome, all who travel this road together!
Hail and Welcome, Ancestors!
Hail and Welcome, Winter!
Hail and Welcome, Night!

Prayers

On this day we remember, honor, and pray for, and with, those who have crossed the veil before us. As Bishop Cáit often reminds us, life has changed, not ended for those who are no longer with us in the flesh. Let us take a few moments to remember and name aloud those ancestors, spiritual and by blood.

[time for people to say names, accompanied by ringing a bell]

Loving and gracious God, at their dying time, they did not die. Being dead to self, you kept their resurrection in the vault of all things sealed. We are one; you and us and them. Your death has conquered ours. Your fearlessness has left us fearless and your life is ours forever.

-- Calvin Miller in [Celtic Daily Prayer, Book 2](#)

Go forth on your journey, beloved of God,
From this world to the world which is to come.
Go with the encompassing of the loving God who created you.
Go with the companionship of Christ who redeemed you.
Go with the protection of the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God who brought you to life, and who sustains you through death.
Go in the company of the Sacred Three, enfolded in their love.
Go now from your struggles to your eternal rest,
And enter the joys of heaven.

-- [Celtic Daily Prayer, Book 2](#)

And now, as Jesu taught us, we pray together ...

Our Father, ...

Closing Prayer

Everyone

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.

✚ May the light of Jesu
shine ever brighter in our hearts,
that with all the saints in light
we may shine forth as lights in the world.
Thanks be to God.

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