

# Celtic Devotions for the Morning

## AWARE

*Officiant* I wait for the LORD,  
my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

*People* **My soul waits for the LORD  
more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

*Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around you.*

## OPEN

*Officiant* We bless you, Lord  
*People* **For the beauty of the trees  
The softness of the air  
The fragrance of the grass  
    for the soaring of the skies  
The rhythms of the earth  
The stillness of the night  
    for the freshness of the morning  
The dewdrops on the flower  
    the twinkling of the stars  
    for the trail of the sun**

## WORD

*Officiant* O LORD, our LORD,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*People* **When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
what is man that you are mindful of him,  
the son of man that you care for him?  
You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.  
You made him ruler over the works of your hands**

*Officiant* O LORD, our LORD, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## PRAY

*Officiant* Creator of the Universe

***People*** Preserve us from our own presumption.  
Do not let us close ourselves into ourselves  
But open us always to you.  
Let us be more in love with You  
than with our notions of You.  
Let us stop claiming to know everything  
so that we may understand something.  
Increase in us kindness,  
Make us people who care who venerate the truth  
and recognize each other. AMEN

*As the Holy Spirit leads, offer up prayers of thanksgiving, intercession and petition in Jesus' name.*

*Officiant* Bless to me, O God,

***People*** The earth beneath my foot;

*Officiant* Bless to me, O God,

***People*** The path whereon I go;

*Officiant* Bless to me, O God,

***People*** The thing of my desire;

*Officiant* Thou Evermore of evermore,

***People*** Bless Thou to me in my rest.

*(a Gaelic blessing on journey's beginning)*