

## January 7th, 2021 Morning Prayer

From J Phillip Newell – Celtic Benediction, Morning and Evening Prayer

It was you, O God, who made my inmost self,  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully  
made.

Psalm 139: 13,14

### SILENCE

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

### Opening Prayer

In the morning light, O God,  
may I glimpse again your image deep within me  
the threads of eternal glory  
woven into the fabric of every person.  
Again may I catch sight of the mystery of the human soul  
fashioned in your likeness  
deeper than knowing  
more enduring than time.  
And in glimpsing these threads of light  
amidst the weakness and distortions of my life  
let me be recalled  
to the strength and beauty deep in my soul.  
Let me be recalled  
to the strength and beauty of your image in every living soul.

### Scripture and Meditation

“You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Psalm 51:6

Jesus said, “the Spirit will guide you into all truth.”

**John 16: 13**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**That wisdom was born with me in the womb  
thanks be to you, O God.**

**That your ways have been written into the human body and soul  
there to be read and revered,  
thanks be to you.**

**Let me be attentive  
to the truths of these living texts.**

**Let me learn  
of the law  
etched into the whole of creation  
that gave birth to the mystery of life  
and feeds and renews it day by day.**

**Let me discern the law of love in my own heart  
and in knowing it,  
obey it.**

**Let me be set free by love, O God  
Let me be set free for love.**

**Pray for the coming day  
and for the life of the world**

**Closing Prayer**

**Glory be to you, O God, for the gift of life  
unfolding through those who have gone before me  
Glory for to you, O God, for your life planted within my soul  
and in every soul coming into the world.**

**Glory be to you, O God, for the grace of new beginnings  
placed before me in every moment  
and encounter of life.**

**Glory, glory, glory  
for the grace of new beginnings  
in every moment of life.**

