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Celtic Night Prayer

Opening Meditation

When the lights are on and the house is full,
and the laughter is easy
and all is well -

Behold I stand at the door and knock.

When the lights are low and the house is still,
and the talk is intense
and the air is full of wondering -

Behold I stand at the door and knock.

When the lights are off and the house is sad,
and the voice is troubled
and nothing seems right -

Behold I stand at the door and knock.

And tonight, always tonight,
as if there were no other people,
no other house,
no other door -

Behold I stand at the door and knock.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
stay with us for day is ending.
Bring to our house your poverty,
for then we shall be rich.
Bring to our house your pain,
that, sharing it, we may also share your joy.
Bring to our house your understanding of us,
that we may be freed to learn more of you.
Bring to our house all those who hurry or stumble behind you,
that we may meet you as the Saviour of all.
Bring to our house your Holy Spirit,
that this may be a cradle of your love.

With friend, with stranger,
with neighbour and the well-known ones,
be among us tonight,
**for the doors of our house we open,
and the doors of our hearts we leave ajar.**

God's Word to us

O God, as these words are read,
in our hearts may we feel your presence.

A portion of Scripture is read

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Prayers for others

Let us say a prayer for those who need to be remembered tonight:

Those who have made the news headlines today because of what they have done or said *(Silence)*

Those who have been brought to our attention through a letter or conversation *(Silence)*

Those who are in hospital, in care, or in a place which is strange to them*(Silence)*

Those in whose family, marriage, or close relationship there is stress or a break up *(Silence)*

Those who are waiting for a birth, or a death, or news which will affect their lives *(Silence)*

Those who need to forget the god they do not believe in and meet the God who believes in them *(Silence)*

Those whose pain or anguish we should not forget to share with God tonight *(Silence)*

Lord, we believe that you hear our prayer and will be faithful to your promise to answer us. for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

Affirmation of faith

We believe, O God of all gods,
that you are the eternal God of life.
We believe, O God of all gods,
that you are the eternal God of love.

**We believe, O God and Maker of all creation,
that you are the creator of the high heavens,
that you are the creator of the deep seas,
that you are the creator of the stable earth.**

We believe, O God of all the peoples,
that you created our souls and set their warp,
that you created our bodies and gave them breath,
that you made us in your own image.

**We give you our worship with our whole lives,
we give you our assent with our whole power,
we give you our existence with our whole mind,
we give you our kneeling with our whole desire.**

Closing responses and blessing

**We are placing our souls and our bodies
under your guarding this night, O Christ.
O Son of the tears, of the wounds, of the piercings,
may your cross this night be shielding all.**

**May God bless us in our sleep with rest,
in our dreams with vision, in our waking with a calm mind,
in our souls with the friendship of the Holy Spirit
this night and every night. Amen.**

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