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Last month I shared a devotional challenge for myself – to combine morning and evening prayers from *Celtic Prayers from Iona*, by J. Philip Newell, with Community of Christ’s nine enduring principles. To this I included lectionary scripture study using *Daily Feast, Year C* to align with our worships and the larger Christian community.

As expected, I changed the matching of principles with Iona’s focus, then proceeded to follow my plan imperfectly. I missed a few times, skipped a couple more, fell asleep once or twice, and substituted “blah, blah, blah, blah...” for prayers one morning. (Yes, I sometimes pray with attitude.)

What I didn’t expect was how I began to look forward to this time, the ways it challenged my awareness of daily events, or how indelibly our enduring principles are revealed within and through scripture. I want to keep going! So, this will be partly be my preparation for World Conference, and partly a Lenten practice.

Continued blessings to each of us as we live into the disciples God calls us to become for this time, in this place, as servants to Christ’s mission, our mission.

Yours,  
Diana

*For those who mentioned joining in their own way, below is a current matching of focus and principles. Pair them any way that works for you.*

<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Iona community focus</u></b>	<b><u>C of C Enduring Principle(s)</u></b>
Monday –	justice and peace:	Grace and Generosity; Pursuit of Peace (Shalom)
Tuesday –	healing:	Responsible Choices; Unity in Diversity
Weds –	goodness of creation & care for earth:	Sacredness of Creation
Thursday –	commitment to Christ:	Continuing Revelation; All Are Called
Friday –	heaven and earth:	Worth of All Persons
Saturday –	welcome and hospitality:	Blessings of Community
Sunday –	focus on devotion & worship as part of our global church community	