Additional Prayers

Prayer St Patrick

I arise today  
Through the strength of heaven;  
Light of the sun,  
Splendor of fire,  
Speed of lightning,  
Swiftness of the wind,  
Depth of the sea,  
Stability of the earth,  
Firmness of the rock.  
  
I arise today  
Through God's strength to pilot me;  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's hosts to save me  
Afar and anear,  
Alone or in a mulitude.  
  
Christ shield me today  
Against wounding  
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in the eye that sees me,  
Christ in the ear that hears me.  
  
I arise today  
Through the mighty strength  
Of the Lord of creation.  
  
(St. Patrick, 387-461)

**Twenty-Third Psalm – Psalms 23: 1-6**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff–they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

**Help Me Live It – Keith Green**Oh Lord, You’re beautiful  
Your face is all I see  
For when Your eyes are on this child  
Your grace abounds to me  
Oh Lord, please light the fire  
That once burned bright and clean  
Replace the lamp of my first love  
That burns with holy fear  
I want to take Your Word and shine it all around  
But first help me just to live it, Lord  
And when I’m doing well,  
help me to never seek a crown

For my reward is giving glory to You.

**Covenant Prayer – John Wesley**I am no longer my own, but yours.  
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,  
Praised for you or criticized for you.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.  
And now, O wonderful and holy God,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
you are mine, and I am yours.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
Let it also be made in heaven.  Amen.

**Lead Us – St. Augustine**

Lead us, O God, from the sight of the lovely things of the world  
To the thought of thee their Creator;  
And grant that delighting in the beautiful things of thy creation,  
we may delight in thee, the first author of beauty  
and the Sovereign Lord of all thy works, blessed for evermore.

**Let Me Serve You – St. Theresa of Avila**Govern everything by your wisdom, O Lord, so that my soul may always be serving you in the way you will and not as I choose. Let me die to myself so that I may serve you; let me live to you who are life itself. Amen.

**Trinity – St. Ethelwold**May God the Father bless us,  
may Christ take care of us,  
the Holy Ghost enlighten us all the days of our life.  
The Lord be our defender and keeper of body and soul,  
both now and forever, to the ages of ages.

**Empty Vessel – Martin Luther**Behold, Lord, An empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in faith; Strengthen thou me. I am cold in love; Warm me and make me fervent That my love may go out to my neighbour. I do not have a strong and firm faith; At times I doubt and am unable to trust thee altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in thee. In thee I have sealed the treasures of all I have. I am poor; Thou art rich and didst come to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; Thou art upright. With me there is an abundance of sin; In thee is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with thee of who I can receive But to whom I may not give. Amen.

**Receive Grace – John Wesley**O God, seeing as there is in Christ Jesus an infinite fullness of all that we can want or desire, May we all receive from him, grace upon grace; grace to pardon our sins, and subdue our iniquities; to justify our persons and to sanctify our souls; and to complete that holy change, that renewal of our hearts, Which will enable us to be transformed into the blessed image in which you created us. O make us all acceptable to be partakers of the inheritance of your saints in light. Amen.

**We Bless You – John Wesley**O LORD God Almighty, Father of angels and men, We praise and bless your holy name for all your goodness and loving kindness to humanity. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and for your unceasing generosity to us throughout our lives; But above all, we bless you for your great love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. We bless you for bringing us safe to the beginning of a new day. Grant that this day we fall into no sin, Neither run into any kind of danger. Keep us, we pray, from all things hurtful to body or soul, and grant us your pardon and peace, So that, being cleansed from all our sins, We might serve you with quiet hearts and minds, and continue in the same until our life’s end, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

**Beloved – John Wesley**Now, to God the Father, who first loved us, and made us accepted in the Beloved;  
to God the Son, who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood;  
to God the Holy Ghost, who sheddeth the love of God abroad in our hearts,  
be all love and all glory in time and to all eternity.  
Amen.

**Act of Petition – St. Augustine**Give me yourself, O my God, give yourself to me. Behold I love you, and if my love is too weak a thing, grant me to love you more strongly. I cannot measure my love to know how much it falls short of being sufficient, but let my soul hasten to your embrace and never be turned away until it is hidden in the secret shelter of your presence. This only do I know, that it is not good for me when you are not with me, when you are only outside me. I want you in my very self. All the plenty in the world which is not my God is utter want. Amen.

**Indwelling of the Spirit – St. Augustine**Holy Spirit, powerful Consoler, sacred Bond of the Father and the Son, Hope of the afflicted, descend into my heart and establish in it your loving dominion. Enkindle in my tepid soul the fire of your Love so that I may be wholly subject to you. We believe that when you dwell in us, you also prepare a dwelling for the Father and the Son. Deign, therefore, to come to me, Consoler of abandoned souls, and Protector of the needy. Help the afflicted, strengthen the weak, and support the wavering. Come and purify me. Let no evil desire take possession of me. You love the humble and resist the proud. Come to me, glory of the living, and hope of the dying. Lead me by your grace that I may always be pleasing to you. Amen.

**You Over Me – St. Augustine**Lord Jesus, let me know myself and know You, and desire nothing save only You.  
Let me hate myself and love You.  
Let me do everything for the sake of You.  
Let me humble myself and exalt You.  
Let me think of nothing except You.  
Let me die to myself and live in You.  
Let me accept whatever happens as from You.  
Let me banish self and follow You, and ever desire to follow You.  
Let me fly from myself and take refuge in You,  
That I may deserve to be defended by You.  
Let me fear for myself.  
Let me fear You, and let me be among those who are chosen by You.  
Let me distrust myself and put my trust in You.  
Let me be willing to obey for the sake of You.  
Let me cling to nothing save only to You,  
And let me be poor because of You.  
Look upon me, that I may love You.  
Call me that I may see You, and for ever enjoy You. Amen.

**Trust – St. Augustine**My God, let me know and love you, so that I may find my happiness in you. Since I cannot fully achieve this on earth, help me to improve daily until I may do so to the full Enable me to know you ever more on earth, so that I may know you perfectly in heaven. Enable me to love you ever more on earth, so that I may love you perfectly in heaven. In that way my joy may be great on earth, and perfect with you in heaven. O God of truth, grant me the happiness of heaven so that my joy may be full in accord with your promise. In the meantime let my mind dwell on that happiness, my tongue speak of it, my heart pine for it, my mouth pronounce it, my soul hunger for it, my flesh thirst for it, and my entire being desire it until I enter through death in the joy of my Lord forever. Amen.

**Strengthen Us – Thomas a Kempis**God, our Father, we are exceedingly frail and indisposed to every virtuous and gallant undertaking. Strengthen our weakness, we beseech you, that we may do valiantly in this spiritual war; help us against our own negligence and cowardice, and defend us from the treachery of our unfaithful hearts. for Jesus Christ’s sake.