

Prayers to Saint Brigid

Prayer to St. Brigid – Brilliant Star

Dear St. Brigid, brilliant star of sanctity in the early days of our Irish faith and love for the omnipotent God Who has never forsaken us, we look up to you now in earnest, hopeful prayer. By your glorious sacrifice of earthly riches, joys and affections obtain for us grace to “seek first the Kingdom of God and His justice” with constant trust in His fatherly care. By your life of laborious charity to the poor, the sick, the many seekers for light and comfort, obtain for us grace to be God’s helpers to the utmost of our power during our stay on earth, looking forward, as you did, to our life with Him during eternity. By the sanctified peace of your death-bed, obtain for us that we may receive the fullness of pardon and peace when the hour comes that will summon us to the judgment seat of our just and most merciful Lord. Amen.

Prayer to St. Brigid by Cardinal Moran

O Glorious St. Brigid, Mother of the Churches of Erin, patroness of our missionary race, wherever their lot may be cast, be thou our guide in the paths of virtue, protect us amid temptation, shield us from danger. Preserve to us the heritage of chastity and temperance; keep ever brightly burning on the altar of our hearts the sacred fire of Faith, Charity, and Hope, that thus we may emulate the ancient piety of Ireland’s children, and the Church of Erin may shine with peerless glory as of old. Thou were styled by our fathers “The Mary of Erin,” secure for us by thy prayers the all-powerful protection of the Blessed Virgin, that we may be numbered here among her most fervent clients, and may hereafter merit a place together with thee and the countless Saints of Ireland, in the ranks of her triumphant children in paradise. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Brigid

You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.
Amen.

Novena Prayer to St. Brigid

O Glorious St. Brigid, Patroness of Ireland and Mother of the Churches, protect the Irish Church and preserve the true faith in every Irish heart, at home and abroad. Obtain for us the grace to walk faithfully in the path of Christian perfection during life, and so to secure a holy and happy death, with life everlasting, in thy blessed company, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to St. Brigid Patroness of Ireland

O God, Who gives us joy by the power of the intercession of Blessed Brigid the Virgin, graciously grant that we may be assisted by her merits by the example of whose chastity we are enlightened, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany of St. Brigid (private prayer)

Lord, have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us, Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us, Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Queen of virgins, pray for us.
Saint Brigid, pray for us.
Mary of the Gael, pray for us.
St. Brigid, Patroness of Ireland, pray for us.
St. Brigid, shining light of virtue and sanctity, pray for us.
St. Brigid, consecrated spouse of Jesus Christ, pray for us.
St. Brigid, foundress of Kildare, pray for us.
St. Brigid, cornerstone of the monastic institute in the Isle of Saints, pray for us.
St. Brigid, great model of Irish virgins, pray for us.
St. Brigid, mother of religious, pray for us.
St. Brigid, pattern of religious perfection, pray for us.
St. Brigid, intercessor for the Irish Church, pray for us.
St. Brigid, mediatrix for the Irish race, pray for us.
St. Brigid, protectress of the holy faith planted by Saint Patrick, pray for us.
St. Brigid, enjoying with him, the clear vision of God, pray for us.
St. Brigid, whose one desire was to satisfy the poor, drive out hardship, and spare every miserable man, pray for us.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world:
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world:
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

V. Pray for us, O glorious Saint Brigid:
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O God, the Author of all sanctity, grant that we who inhabit the Island of Saints, may, through the intercession of St. Brigid, walk in their footsteps on earth, and so arrive with them to the possession of Thee in Heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray, pour forth on us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the spirit of Thy wisdom and love, with which Thou hast replenished Thy holy servant, St. Brigid, that sincerely obeying Thee in all things, we may by a zealous imitation of her virtues, please Thee in faith and works. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions - morning prayer on the feast day of St. Brigid

We praise the Lord Jesus Christ who led St. Brigid along the paths of justice and holiness; and pray that we may follow his way.

R. Lord, be our light and salvation.

Through your resurrection, Lord Jesus, new light came into our darkness – let your Church be a light to the world. R.

At the springtime of the year we renew our hope – give us the grace to encourage all whom we meet today. R.

Brigid dedicated her life to prayer and service – bring many more women to give their lives to the dedicated service and holiness of religious life. R.

Lord Jesus, you gave Brigid the desire to serve and not be served – may we spend our lives in the service of others. R.

You made the work of St. Brigid fruitful; – give success to the work of our hands. R.

St. Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell.
Bless every fireside, every wall and door.
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.
Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.
Bless every foot that walks portals through.
May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.

Hymn to St. Brigid (same air as Hail Glorious St. Patrick)

When faith's light of freedom to Ireland first came,
You, Lord, raised up Brigid to make known your name.
Her proud chieftain father's wild rage she defied
and followed your way, with the gospel for guide.

In silence of fields, while she tended her fold.
You spoke to her heart words more precious than gold.
White figure of peace, through our country she went.
In your loving service her whole life was spent.

With keen fiery arrow she set hearts aflame;
to live 'neath her rule many monks and nuns came.
The poor and the hungry were fed from her store,
for open to all were her heart, hand and door.

For Brigid, we praise you, our Father and God,
we praise Christ your Son in whose footsteps she trod,
we praise your kind Spirit who guided her ways,
we praise you, blest Trinity, all of our days.

Hymn - Sweet St. Brigid

Far above enthroned in glory
sweetest Saint of Erin's Isle
see thy children kneel before thee
turn on us a mother's smile.

Sancta Maria, hear our pleading
faith and hope and holy love
sweet St. Brigid, Spouse of Jesus,
sent to us from Heaven above.

Sweet St. Brigid, Erin's children,
far and near o'er land and sea
in the world and in the cloister
fondly turn with love to thee.

Sancta Maria, sooth the mourner
shield the weary tempted soul
sweet St. Brigid, guide thy children
to thy bright and happy home.

Blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses

Father of all creation and Lord of Light, You have given us life and entrusted Your creation to us to use it and to care for it. We ask You to bless these crosses made of green rushes in memory of holy Brigid, who used the Cross to recall and to teach your Son's life, death and resurrection. May these crosses be a sign of our sharing in the Paschal Mystery of Your Son and a sign of Your protection of our lives, our land and its creatures through Brigid's intercession during the coming year and always. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The crosses are sprinkled with holy water:

May the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be on these crosses and on the places where they hang and on everyone who looks at them. Amen.