

Prayer of the Church for Trinity Sunday:

St. Patrick's Breastplate

I bind to myself today the power of an invocation of the Trinity:

I believe in the Trinity in Unity, the Creator of the Universe.

I bind to myself today

The power of God to guide me, The wisdom of God to teach me,

The eye of God to watch over me, The ear of God to hear me,

The word of God to give me speech,

The hand of God to protect me, The way of God to go before me,

The shield of God to shelter me, The host of God to defend me,

Against the snares of demons,

Against the temptations of vices, Against the lusts of nature,

Against everyone who meditates injury to me,

Whether far or near, with few or with many.

I have set around me all these powers

Against every hostile savage power directed against me,

Against the incantation of false prophets,

Against the black laws of heathenism,

Against the false laws of heresy,

Against the deceits of idolatry,

Against the enchantment of witchcraft and satanic arts,

Against all knowledge which binds the soul of man.

Christ protect me today

Against poison, Against burning,

Against drowning, Against death wound,

That I may receive an abundant reward.

Christ with me, Christ before me,

Christ behind me, Christ within me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ at my right, Christ at my left, Christ at home,

Christ traveling by land, Christ traveling by water.

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks to me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

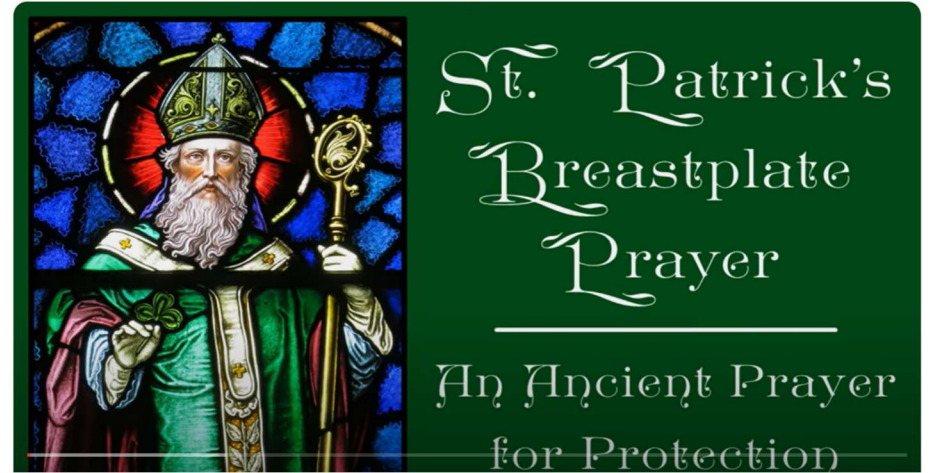
Christ in every ear that hears me.

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Salvation is of the LORD, Salvation is of the LORD, Salvation is of

Christ: **May Your Salvation, O LORD, be ever with us. Amen.**



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Summary The first five sections of the prayer or hymn begin *atomruig indiu* "I bind unto myself today," followed by a list of sources of strength that the prayer calls on for support.

Outline The text is conventionally divided into eleven sections:

1. Invocation of the Trinity.
2. Invocation of Christ's baptism, death, resurrection, ascension and future return on the last day.
3. Invocation of the virtues of angels, patriarchs, saints and martyrs.
4. Invocation of the virtues of the natural world: the sun, fire, lightning, wind, etc.
5. Invocation of various aspects of God – his wisdom, his eye, his ear, his hand, etc.
6. Lists of the things against which protection is required, including false prophets, heathens, heretics, witches and wizards.
7. Brief invocation of Christ for protection.
8. Repeated invocation of Christ to be ever present [Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, etc.].
9. continuation of the theme of Christ within every man.
10. Repetition of the first verse.
11. Short stanza [in Latin invoking Psalm 3:8, "Salvation is the LORD's"].

ATHANASIAN CREED *Our Confession of Faith* **for Trinity Sunday:**

Pastor: 1. Whosoever will be saved shall, above all else, hold the [Christian] catholic faith.

Congregation: 2. Which Faith, except it be kept whole & undefiled, without doubt, one will perish eternally.

3. And the Christian Faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity.

Cong: 4. Neither confusing the Persons, nor dividing the Substance.

5. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit.

6. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all One, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

7. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit.

8. The Father Uncreated, the Son Uncreated, and the Holy Spirit Uncreated.

9. The Father Infinite, the Son Infinite, and the Holy Spirit Infinite.

10. The Father Eternal, the Son Eternal, and the Holy Spirit Eternal.

11. And yet they are not three eternals, but One Eternal.

12. Just as there are not three uncreated, nor three infinities, but One Uncreated, and One Infinite.

13. Likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son is Almighty, and the Holy Spirit is Almighty.

14. And yet they are not three almighties, but One Almighty.

15. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.

16. And yet they are not three gods, but One God.

17. Likewise the Father is LORD, the Son is LORD, and the Holy Spirit is LORD.

18. And yet there are not three lords, but one LORD.

19. For, as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and LORD, So are we forbidden by the Christian faith to say there be three gods or three lords.

MEN: 20. The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten.

WOMEN: 21. The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created, but begotten.

M: 22. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

W: 23. So there is One Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; One Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.

24. And in this Trinity none is before or after another, none greater or less than another;

25. But all three Persons are coeternal together, and coequal. So that in all things, as said before, the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

26. Whoever will be saved, is compelled thus to think of the Holy Trinity.

27. Furthermore, it is necessary for everlasting salvation that one also believe faithfully the Incarnation of our LORD Jesus Christ.

28. For the right Faith is that we believe and confess that our LORD Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;

29. God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and Man, of the substance of His mother, born into the world.

30. Perfect God and perfect Man, of a rational soul and human flesh subsisting.

31. Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching His Manhood.

32. Who, although He is God and Man, yet He is not two, but One Christ.

33. One, not by changing of the Godhead into Flesh, but by taking the Manhood into God.

34. One indeed, not by confusion of substance, but by oneness of Person.

35. For just as the rational soul and flesh is one Man, so God and Man is One Christ.

ALL: 36. Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the Third Day from the dead.

37. He ascended into Heaven, He is seated on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

38. At whose coming all will rise again with their bodies, and will give an account of their own works.

39. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting, and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

40. This is the [Christian] faith; whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this, cannot be saved. Amen. △