

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



Could I please have details of anything relevant to the December issue by 24th November to allow for publication in time for the start of the December:.. Events, Prayer requests, Prayers Comment

What is this ?

This is a letter prayer which if kept will build up into a resource for praying for people and churches in our circuit . My intention is to produce an A4 folded sheet format so that each issue can be added to the previous ones to build up into an A5 booklet . I will gradually do a round -up of each church and any circuit activities .

I would hope also to use it to publicise prayer events within the circuit if you can feed the information to me

I would love to know more about who will use this and how it will be used.



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Greetings and God's blessings to you all.

Margaret

Focus on the Saints

St Paul in his letters to several of the churches greets the Christians as Saints so adapting Romans 1:7 this is addressed to :

All who are beloved of God in North Kent, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some Prayers from the Saints

St Patrick's Breastplate Prayer

**I bind unto myself today
The strong Name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three.**

**I bind this day to me for ever.
By power of faith, Christ's incarnation;
His baptism in the Jordan river;
His death on Cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb;
His riding up the heavenly way;
His coming at the day of doom;***
I bind unto myself today.

**I bind unto myself the power
Of the great love of the cherubim;**

The sweet 'well done' in judgment hour,
The service of the seraphim,
Confessors' faith, Apostles' word,
The Patriarchs' prayers, the Prophets' scrolls,
All good deeds done unto the Lord,
And purity of virgin souls.

I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the starlit heaven,
The glorious sun's life-giving ray,
The whiteness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea,
Around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, His shield to ward,
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

Against the demon snares of sin,
The vice that gives temptation force,
The natural lusts that war within,
The hostile men that mar my course;
Or few or many, far or nigh,
In every place and in all hours,
Against their fierce hostility,
I bind to me these holy powers.



Prayer of St Columba

High King of Heaven,
Almighty Father of us all,
as your servant Saint Columba
established a community built on love and trust,
so grant that in all humility
we may be your hands and your voices here on earth,
working to build up the community of faith
in the name of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



Prayer of St Columba

Be O Lord,
a guiding star above me,
a smooth path below me,
a kindly shepherd behind me
and a bright flame before me;
today, tonight and forever. Amen.



Prayer of St Columba

Alone with none but thee, my God
I journey on my way.
What need I fear, when thou art near
O King of night and day?
More safe am I within thy hand,
Than if an host didst round me stand.



A Blessing of St Columba

See that you be at peace among yourselves, my children,
and love one another.
Follow the example of good men of old,
and God will comfort you and help you,
both in this world
and in the world which is to come. Amen.

Against all Satan's spells and wiles,
Against false words of heresy,
Against the knowledge that defiles,
Against the heart's idolatry,
Against the wizard's evil craft,
Against the death wound and the burning,
The choking wave and the poisoned shaft,
Protect me, Christ, till Thy returning.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,
The strong Name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same.
The Three in One, and One in Three,
Of Whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.



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May the fire of God's love burn brightly and steadfastly in our hearts
like the golden light within the sanctuary lamp.



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Let me bless almighty God,
whose power extends over sea and land,
whose angels watch over all.
Let me study sacred books to calm my soul:

I pray for peace,
kneeling at heaven's gates.
Let me do my daily work,
gathering seaweed, catching fish,
giving food to the poor.
Let me say my daily prayers,
sometimes chanting, sometimes quiet,
always thanking God.
Delightful it is to live
on a peaceful isle, in a quiet cell,
serving the King of kings.