

Let us confess our sins before God:

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our
whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

A Lent Litany for Morning **50**

O Lord, may my soul rise up to meet you
As the day rises to meet the sun.
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit.**

May our minds be like that of Christ Jesus,
Who, though he was in the form of God,
Did not regard equality with God as something to
be exploited
But emptied himself,
Taking the form of a slave, being born in human
likeness.
And being found in human form,
He humbled himself
And became obedient to the point of death,
Even death on a cross.

Humble us, O Lord; so that you may be exalted.

Rend your heart and not your garments.

Return to the LORD your God.

For God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, restore us and heal us.

Lord Jesus, from noon to three, you suffered so much pain and cruelty on the cross. But through it all, you held on to love. Be with us whenever life is very, very tough. And keep us loving no matter what happens. For that is your way—the way that leads to peace. **Amen.**

Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked will I return.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

When the righteous cry for help,
the LORD hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.

O Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Give us faith to follow the way you have shown us, that we may fall asleep peacefully in you, and rise again in you, for your mercy's sake.

Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.

St. Patrick's Breastplate (v. 1-2) **53**

I bind unto myself today
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.

**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.**

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St Patrick's Breastplate (v. 3-4) **54**

I bind this day to me forever,
by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
his baptism in 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 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 innocent souls.

Christ be with me, Christ within me...

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I bind unto myself today
 the virtues of the starlit heaven,
 the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
 the splendor of the moon at even,
 the flashing of the lightning free,
 the whirling of the 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.
Christ be with me, Christ within me...

Christ is Risen
He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O Risen Christ, you breathe your Holy Spirit on us
 and you tell us: 'Peace be yours'.
 Opening ourselves to your peace -
 letting it penetrate the harsh and rocky ground of
 our hearts -
 means preparing ourselves to be
 bearers of reconciliation
 wherever you may place us.
 But you know at times we are at a loss.
 So come lead us to wait in silence,
 to let a ray of hope shine forth
 in our world. – *Brother Roger*

**I am sure I shall see the goodness of the Lord in
 the land of the living; Yes I shall see the goodness
 of our God; Hold firm, trust in the Lord!**