

Prayer Ideas:

Most holy and merciful Father, I confess to You and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth: I have not loved You with my whole heart, and mind, and strength. I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I have not forgiven others as I have been forgiven. Have mercy on me, Lord.

I have been deaf to Your call to serve as Christ served us. I have not been true to the mind of Christ. I have grieved Your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on me, Lord.

I confess to You, Lord, all my past unfaithfulness: my pride, hypocrisy and impatience, I confess to You, Lord.

My self-indulgence, my envy of others, and my dishonesty in my daily work, I confess to You, Lord.

My negligence in prayer and worship, and my failure to commend the faith that is in me, I confess to You, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable or covetous thoughts toward our neighbors, brothers and sisters, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of Your creation, and for our lack of concern for those who come after us, accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore me, dear Lord, and let Your anger depart;

Favorably hear me for Your mercy is great.

Accomplish in me and in all of Your Church the work of Your salvation, that we all may show forth Your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of Your Son, our Lord,

Bring me with all Your saints to the joy of His resurrection.

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into the grave.

On the third day, He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic Church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

**I bind unto myself this day 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 forever, 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.

- From St. Patrick's Breastplate

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead,

His eye to watch, His might to say, 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.

- From St. Patrick's Breastplate

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.

- From St. Patrick's Breastplate

Lord Jesus Christ, for the sake of Thy Holy Cross, be with me to shield me. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, by the memory of Thy Blessed Cross, be within me to strengthen me. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, for Thy Glorious Cross, go before me to direct my steps. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, for Thy Cross which I praise, overshadow me to bless me. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, for Thy Noble Cross, be Thou in me to lead me to Thy kingdom. Amen.

My Christ sanctify us;

His broken body our salvation,

His blood our refreshing,

The water from His side, our washing,

His passion our strength.

O, dear Jesus, hear us,

Within Your wounds, hide us,

Let us never be separated from You.

From the powers of darkness, defend us,

In the hour of death, call us,

And bid us come with You,

That with all Your saints we may praise You

Forever and ever. Amen.

- Taize, paraphrased

For the Holy Church of God, that She may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of Your coming, We pray to You, Lord.

For all priests, pastors, bishops and all who minister the Gospel, we pray to You, O Lord.

For all who believe in You, Lord Christ, that our sad divisions may cease, and that all may be one as You and the Father are one, We pray to You, Lord.

For the mission of the Church, Your Bride, that in faithful witness she may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, We pray to You, Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, We pray to You, Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grown among nations and peoples, (especially __) We pray to You, Lord.

For those in positions of public trust (especially __), that they may serve justly and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, We pray to You, Lord.

For those who live and work in this community (especially ___), we pray to You, Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners and all who are in danger; That they may be relieved and protected, we pray to You, Lord.

For the right use of Your creation, that we may lead the way in fighting poverty, famine and hopelessness, we pray to You, Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to You, Lord.

For those who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends and neighbors (take a time of silence for people to pray for loved ones if it seems appropriate to you); that, being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace and health. We pray to You, Lord.

Song Ideas: Be Merciful to Me, Be Glorified, Mercy of My God, The Lord Is My Shepherd, O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus, Amazing Grace, In the Secret of His Presence, Beneath the Cross, Love Round (with Hosanna instead of Hallelujah), Rock of Ages, Take Me In, How Great Are You, Lord, (Something by Matt Redman), At the Foot of the Cross, When I Survey, Behold the Son of God