

Birthday Prayer and Blessing

Loving God,
You created all the people of the world,
And you know each of us by name.
We thank you for N.,
Who celebrates their birthday today.
Bless them with your love and friendship
That they may grow in wisdom, knowledge, and grace.
May they love their family always
And be ever faithful to their friends.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

“The Lord said to Jeremiah:
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
Before you were born I dedicated you.” – Jeremiah 1:5

(Place hands on the head or shoulders of one being blessed.)

May God, in whose presence our ancestors walked, bless you.
R. Amen.
May God, who has been your shepherd from birth until now, keep you.
R. Amen.
May God, who saves you from all harm, give you peace.
R. Amen.

St. Francis's Canticle of the Sun

O most High, almighty, good Lord God,
to you belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing!

Praised be my Lord God with all creatures;
and especially our brother the sun,
which brings us the day, and the light;
fair is he, and shining with a very great splendor:
O Lord, he signifies you to us!

Praised be my Lord for our sister the moon,
and for the stars,
which God has set clear and lovely in heaven.

Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind,
and for air and cloud, calms and all weather,
by which you uphold in life all creatures.

Praised be my Lord for our sister water,
which is very serviceable to us,
and humble, and precious, and clean.

Praised be my Lord for brother fire,
through which you give us light in the darkness:
and he is bright, and pleasant, and very mighty,
and strong.

Praised be my Lord for our mother the Earth,
which sustains us and keeps us,
and yields divers fruits, and flowers of
many colors, and grass.

Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon
one another for God's love's sake,
and who endure weakness and tribulation;
blessed are they who peaceably shall endure,
for you, O most High, shall give them a crown!

Praised be my Lord for our sister,
the death of the body, from which no one escapes.
Woe to him who dies in mortal sin!
Blessed are they who are found walking by your
most holy will,
for the second death shall have no power to do
them harm.

Praise you, and bless you the Lord,
and give thanks to God, and serve God
with great humility.

Prayer for Care of Creation

O Lord, grant us the grace to respect and care for Your creation.
Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, bless all of your creatures as a sign of Your wondrous love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, help us to end the suffering of the poor and bring healing to all of your creation.
Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, help us to use our technological inventiveness to undo the damage we have done to Your
creation and to sustain Your gift of nature.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Ember Days

Autumn:

Bless, O Lord, these new fruits of the vine which Thou hast brought to maturity by the dew of heaven, by plentiful rains, and by tranquil and favorable weather. Thou hast given us this fruit for our use that we may receive it with thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

Winter:

We beseech Thee, O Holy Lord, Father almighty, and everlasting God, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless and sanctify this creature, the Olive tree, which Thou hast caused to shoot forth from the substance of wood, and which the dove, returning to the ark, brought in its mouth. May all who receive it receive protection of soul and body, and may it become, O Lord, a saving remedy and a sacred sign of peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who with lives and reigns with the in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Spring:

Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing be upon the flowers that cover the earth. Through their beauty, we receive food to sustain us and food for the bees. Your gracious providence foresaw our need for light and the blessing we would receive through the wax of the worker bees, which become candles used in worship and bringing light to the world, a reminder of Your Son, a work which could not be completed without the beauty and blessing of flowers. Grant that the earth may be filled abundantly with bee and flower to assist us in our physical and spiritual lives, that we may grow closer to you through them. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Summer:

Lord God almighty, who never fail to bestow on men an abundance of heavenly gifts, as well as the rich fruits of the earth; we ask your blessing on the grain, that it may grow abundantly and produce a rich harvest, and to preserve it and to shield it from harm. Grant also that we may bask under your protection, praise your kindness and mercy without ceasing; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen. (*Adapted from prayer for the blessing of the harvest.*)

Wednesday

Above the clamor of our violence
Your Word of truth resounds,
O God of majesty and power.
Over nations enshrouded in despair
Your justice dawns.

Grant your household
A discerning spirit and a watchful eye
To perceive the hour in which we live.
Hasten the advent of that Day
When the weapons of war shall be banished,
Our deeds of darkness cast off,
And all your scattered children gathered into one.

We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
Whose Day draws near;
Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

In Honor of Christ's Betrayal and Passion

O God, Who for the world's Redemption was pleased to be born, circumcised, rejected by the Jews, betrayed by the kiss of traitor Judas, bound with chains, led like an innocent lamb to sacrifice, and shamefully presented before Annas, Caiphas, Pilate, and Herod, accused by false witnesses, beaten with whips, buffeted, insulted, spat upon, crowned with thorns, smitten with a reed, blindfolded, stripped of Thy garments, fastened with nails to the cross and lifted up on high, reputed among thieves, made to drink gall and vinegar and wounded by a lance; oh, by these most sacred sufferings, which, unworthy as I am, I thus commemorate, and by Thy holy cross and death, deliver me, Lord, from the pains of hell, and deign to lead me where Thou didst lead me where Thou didst lead the penitent thief, who was crucified by Thy side. Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc. five times.

Friday

Listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah:

This, rather, is the fasting that I wish:

Releasing those bound unjustly,

Untying the thongs of the yoke;

Setting free the oppressed,

Breaking every yoke;

Sharing your bread with the hungry,

Sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;

Clothing the naked when you see them,

And not turning your back on your own.

If you remove from your midst oppression,

False accusation and malicious speech;

If you bestow your bread on the hungry

And satisfy the afflicted;

Then light shall rise for you in the darkness,

And the gloom shall become for you like midday.

-Isaiah 58:6-7, 9-10

All praise be yours, God our Creator,

As we wait in joyful hope

For the flowering of justice

And the fullness of peace.

All praise for this day, this Friday.

By our weekly fasting and prayer,

Cast out the spirit of war, of fear and mistrust,

And make us grow hungry for human kindness,

Thirsty for solidarity with all the people of your dear earth.

May all our prayer, our fasting, and our deeds be done in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Prayer for God's Blessing on our Labors

O Lord, graciously look down upon Thy servants and upon the work of their hands, and do Thou, Who givest food to every creature, bless and preserve the fruits of the earth, that the needy may be filled with good things and that all may praise the glory of Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday

Prayer for Vocations Green Bay Diocese

Heavenly Father, You are the Lord of the Call. Your Son, Jesus, told us to ask the Master of the Harvest to send out laborers for the harvest. We turn to you now and ask that you send for Your Holy Spirit to awaken the hearts of those whom you are calling to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Green Bay. May they hear Your call and respond with a profound yes, just as Mary did when she was asked to become the Mother of your Son, Jesus. Keep these your sons and daughters always close to you in the Eucharist and protect them from all evil. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

For Vocations to the Priesthood

Antiphon. Why stand ye all the day idle, go ye into my vineyard.

V. Ask the Lord of the harvest.

R. That He send laborers into His vineyard.

Let us Pray God, who willest not the death of the sinner, but rather that he be converted and live; grant, by the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all saints, laborers for Thy Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Oh Lord Almighty! You have suffered death at the cross for our sins.

Oh Holy Cross of Jesus! be my true light.

Oh Holy Cross of Jesus! fill my soul with good thoughts.

Oh Holy Cross! help me in my salvation.

Oh Holy Cross! safeguard me against unholy thoughts and worldly dangers that I may worship the Holy Cross of Jesus of Nazareth crucified.

Have pity on me.

Oh Holy Cross of Jesus! be my hope.

Oh Holy Cross have mercy on me forever and ever.

In honor of the Precious Blood of Jesus and His fearful Death and Resurrection and His Glorification which leads to everlasting life.

As true as Jesus is born on Christmas and crucified on Good Friday. As true as St. Joseph and Nicodemus took Jesus down from the cross.

As true as Jesus ascended into heaven. May He preserve me from my enemies both visible and invisible forever and ever.

Lord Almighty, into Your hands I give my soul and my body.

Oh Lord Jesus! grant me strength to bear the cross as Yourself.

Teach me to bear it with great humility that the Blessed Virgin may fill me with the Holy Spirit. Preserve my soul and lead it to life everlasting.

Amen.

O Great Father – (by St. Hildegard)

O Great Father we are in great need;

Now therefore we implore, we implore you, Through your Word, by which you have; Filled us with [those things] we need;

Now it may please you Father for it befits you

To consider us with your help, So that we might not fail and lest your name

Might be blackened in us and through your name, deign to help us. Amen.

St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the divine power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayer for the Protecting Veil

Today we celebrate the feast with joy illumined by your coming, O Mother of God.
Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you:
"Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection;
deliver us from every form of evil
by entreating Christ, your Son and our God
that He may save our souls."

Blessing of Animals

The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. They share in the ways of human beings. They have a part in our lives. Francis of Assisi recognized this when he called the animals, wild and tame, his brothers and sisters. Remembering Francis' love for these brothers and sisters of ours, we invoke God's blessing on these animals, and we thank God for letting us share the earth with all the creatures. May God, who created the animals of this earth as a help to us, continue to protect and sustain us with the grace his blessing brings, now and forever.
R. Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi Prayer (Prayer for Peace)

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;
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.

Prayer to St. Luke (Patron of Butchers)

Almighty God, Who didst inspire Thy servant St. Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of Thy Son: Graciously continue in Thy Church the love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of Thy Name; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Litany of the Saints

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, hear us*
Christ, graciously 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, *Pray for us.*
Holy Mother of God, *Pray for us.*
Holy Virgin of virgins, *Pray for us.*

Saint Michael, *Pray for us.*
Saint Gabriel, *Pray for us.*
Saint Raphael, *Pray for us.*
All ye holy angels and archangels, *Pray for us.*
All ye holy orders of blessed spirits, *Pray for us.*

Saint John the Baptist, *Pray for us.*
Saint Joseph, *Pray for us.*
All ye holy patriarchs and prophets. *Pray for us.*

Saint Peter, *Pray for us.*
Saint Paul, *Pray for us.*
Saint Andrew, *Pray for us.*
Saint James, *Pray for us.*
Saint John, *Pray for us.*
Saint Thomas, *Pray for us.*
Saint James, *Pray for us.*
Saint Philip, *Pray for us.*
Saint Bartholomew. *Pray for us.*
Saint Matthew, *Pray for us.*
Saint Simon, *Pray for us.*
Saint Thaddeus, *Pray for us.*
Saint Matthias, *Pray for us.*
Saint Barnabas, *Pray for us.*
Saint Luke, *Pray for us.*
Saint Mark, *Pray for us.*
All ye holy apostles and evangelists, *Pray for us.*
All ye holy disciples of our Lord. *Pray for us.*

All ye holy Innocents, *Pray for us.*

Saint Stephen, *Pray for us.*
Saint Lawrence, *Pray for us.*
Saint Vincent, *Pray for us.*
Saints Fabian and Sebastian, *Pray for us.*
Saints John and Paul, *Pray for us.*
Saints Cosmas and Damian, *Pray for us.*
Saints Gervase and Protase, *Pray for us.*
All ye holy martyrs, *Pray for us.*

Saint Sylvester, *Pray for us.*
Saint Gregory, *Pray for us.*
Saint Ambrose, *Pray for us.*
Saint Augustine, *Pray for us.*
Saint Jerome, *Pray for us.*
Saint Martin, *Pray for us.*
Saint Nicolas, *Pray for us.*
All ye holy bishops and confessors, *Pray for us.*
All ye holy doctors, *Pray for us.*

Saint Anthony, *Pray for us.*
Saint Benedict, *Pray for us.*
Saint Bernard, *Pray for us.*
Saint Dominic, *Pray for us.*
Saint Francis, *Pray for us.*
All ye holy priests and levites, *Pray for us.*
All ye holy monks and hermits. *Pray for us.*

Saint Mary Magdalen, *Pray for us.*
Saint Agatha, *Pray for us.*
Saint Lucy, *Pray for us.*
Saint Agnes, *Pray for us.*
Saint Cecilia, *Pray for us.*
Saint Catherine, *Pray for us.*
Saint Anastasia, *Pray for us*

All ye holy virgins and widows, *Pray for us.*
All ye holy men and women, Saints of God, *Make intercession for us.*
Be merciful, *Spare us, O Lord.*
Be merciful, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

From all evil, *O Lord, deliver us.*
From all sin, *O Lord, deliver us.*
From Thy wrath, *O Lord, deliver us.*
From a sudden and unprovided death, *O Lord, deliver us.*
From the snares of the devil, *O Lord, deliver us.*
From anger, and hatred, and all ill will, *O Lord, deliver us.*
From the spirit of fornication, *O Lord, deliver us.*
From lightning and tempest, *O Lord, deliver us.*
From the scourge of earthquake. *O Lord, deliver us.*
From pestilence, famine and war, *O Lord, deliver us.*
From everlasting death, *O Lord, deliver us.*

Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation, *O Lord, deliver us.*
Through Thy coming, *O Lord, deliver us.*
Through Thy nativity, *O Lord, deliver us.*
Through Thy baptism and holy fasting, *O Lord, deliver us.*
Through Thy Cross and Passion, *O Lord, deliver us.*
Through Thy death and burial, *O Lord, deliver us.*
Through Thy holy Resurrection, *O Lord, deliver us.*
Through Thine admirable Ascension, *O Lord, deliver us.*
Through the coming of the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, *O Lord, deliver us.*
In the day of judgment, *O Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners, We beseech Thee, hear us,
That Thou wouldst spare us, *We beseech Thee, hear us.*
That Thou wouldst pardon us, *We beseech Thee, hear us.*
That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance,
We beseech Thee, hear us.
That Thou wouldst govern and preserve Thy holy Church
We beseech Thee, hear us.
That Thou wouldst preserve our Apostolic Prelate, and all ecclesiastical orders in holy religion,
We beseech Thee, hear us,
That Thou wouldst humble the enemies of Thy holy Church,
We beseech Thee, hear us.
That Thou wouldst give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,
We beseech Thee, hear us.
That Thou wouldst grant peace and unity to all Christian people,
We beseech Thee, hear us.
That Thou wouldst bring back to the unity of the Church all those who have strayed away, and lead to the light of the Gospel all unbelievers,
We beseech Thee, hear us.
That Thou wouldst confirm and preserve us in Thy holy service,
We beseech Thee, hear us.
That Thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires,
We beseech Thee, hear us.
That Thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our benefactors,
We beseech Thee, hear us.
That Thou wouldst deliver our souls, and the souls of our brethren, relations and benefactors, from eternal damnation, *We beseech Thee, hear us.*
That Thou wouldst give and preserve the fruit of the earth,
We beseech Thee, hear us.
That Thou wouldst give eternal rest to all the faithful departed, *We beseech Thee, hear us.*
That Thou wouldst graciously hear us,
We beseech Thee, hear us.
Son of God, *We beseech Thee, hear 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.

Christ hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

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.*

Our Father...

Amen.

Eternal Rest Prayer

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

Amen.

Prayer to St. Martin of Tours

Glorious Saint Martin,
you who worked miracles and prodigies,
who with joy, amiability and the most
exquisite goodness won over the hearts of all
and did not cease to ever work for their
wellbeing: give me your hand and help me
to come out of all lack and scarcity which today
afflicts me and weighs me down.

Prayer for Thanksgiving

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love,
please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.
Thank you for all the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal:
our faith and religious heritage,
our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.
Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity,
please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.
This we ask in the Name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good
I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, sin no more, and avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us.
In His name, my God, have mercy.

Prayer of St. Ambrose

O loving Lord Jesus Christ,
I, a sinner, not presuming on my own merits,
but trusting in Your mercy and goodness,
with fear and awe approach the table of Your most sacred banquet.
For I have stained both my heart and body with many sins,
and have not kept a strict guard over my mind and tongue.
Wherefore, O gracious God, O awful majesty, I, a wretched creature,
entangled in difficulties, have recourse to You, the fount of mercy;
to You I fly for healing and take refuge under Your protection,
and I ardently desire to have Him as my Savior whom I am unable to face as my Judge.
To You, Lord, I show my wounds, to You I lay bare my shame.
I know that my sins are many and great and on their account I am filled with fear.
But I trust in Your mercy, which is endless.
Look down on me, therefore, with the eyes of mercy, Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King,
God and Man, crucified for men. Hear me, for my hope is in You;
have mercy on me, for I am full of sin and wretchedness,
You who never cease to let flow the fountain of mercy.
Hail Victim of Salvation, offered for me and for all mankind on the tree of the cross.
Hail, noble and precious Blood, flowing from the wounds of my crucified Lord Jesus Christ
washing away the sins of the whole world.
Remember, Lord, Your creature, whom You have redeemed with Your Blood.
I am grieved because I have sinned. I desire to make amends for what I have done.
Take away from me, therefore, O most merciful Father, all my iniquities and my sins,
that, being purified both in soul and body, I may worthily partake of the Holy of Holies;
and grant that this holy oblation of Your Body and Blood, of which though unworthy I purpose to partake,
may be to me the remission of my sins, the perfect cleansing of all my offenses,
the means of driving away all evil thoughts and of renewing all holy desires,
the accomplishment of works pleasing to You,
as well as the strongest defense for soul and body against the snares of my enemies.
Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence
I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To thee do I come,
before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.

St. Agnes Prayer

Let us gain courage for our own battle
by honoring the martyrdom of the glorious virgin Agnes.
St. Agnes, vessel of honor,
flower of unfading fragrance,
beloved of the choirs of Angels,
you are an example to the worth of virtue and chastity.
O you who wear a Martyr's palm
and a virgin's wreath,
pray for us that,
though unworthy of a special crown,
we may have our names written in the list of Saints.
Amen.

Hospitality Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You who had nowhere to lay Your head yet made every table a place of encounter — teach me the art of welcome.
You dined with sinners and saints alike, with the doubting and the devoted, with those the world had counted out and those who had not yet counted themselves in. You never met a person You did not have time for. Make me more like that.
When I open my door, let me open it fully — not with the hospitality that performs, that impresses, that exhausts itself in the perfection of presentation, but with the hospitality that simply says: you are welcome here, there is room for you, you matter to the people in this house.
Free me from the fear that holds the door half-shut — fear of inconvenience, of imperfection, of not having enough, of being known too closely. Remind me that You fed thousands with what seemed like nothing, and that You can do the same with whatever I bring to the table.
Give me eyes to see the guest before me — not as an obligation to be managed but as a gift to be received, as one in whom Your face is waiting to be recognized.
May my table be a place of truth and laughter, where masks come down and guards are lowered, where the lonely find belonging, the grieving find gentleness, and the stranger finds, perhaps for the first time, what it feels like to be known.
Help me to receive hospitality as graciously as I give it — to sit at another's table without restlessness, to allow myself to be served, to understand that welcome given and welcome received are both forms of the same love.
St. Benedict, who taught his monks to receive every guest as Christ — pray for me, that I may practice what he preached.
Through Christ our Lord, who is Himself the Host and the Feast, Amen.

Blessing of a Spring or Well

We cry without ceasing, O Lord, to Thy fatherly goodness that Thou wouldst sanctify this fountain of water with Thy heavenly blessing and make it suitable for every use. Drive from it every influence of the devil so that whoever draws from it or drinks this water may enjoy good health and full vigor, and give praise and thanks to Thee, the Sanctifier and Preserver of all things. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing of an Orchard

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, in Thy goodness, to pour down Thy blessing on these young shoots and sprouts which Thou hast permitted to grow with due sunshine and rain, and make them to grow into mature fruit. Grant to Thy people that they may always give thanks to Thee for Thy gifts, and fill the hungry with Thy gifts which the fruitful earth produces in fullness so that the poor and needy may praise Thy glory.

St. Patrick Prayer

I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through a belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
Of the Creator of creation.

I arise today

Through the strength of Christ's birth and His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion and His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection and His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

I arise today

Through the strength of the love of cherubim,
In obedience of angels,
In service of archangels,
In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward,
In the prayers of patriarchs,
In preachings of the apostles,
In faiths of confessors,
In innocence of virgins,
In deeds of righteous men.

I arise today

Through the strength of heaven;
Light of the sun,
Splendor of fire,
Speed of lightning,
Swiftness of the wind,
Depth of the sea,
Stability of the earth,
Firmness of the rock.

I arise today

Through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
From snares of the devil,
From temptations of vices,
From every one who desires me ill,
Afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.

I summon today all these powers between me and evil,
Against every cruel merciless power that opposes my body and soul,
Against incantations of false prophets,

Against black laws of pagandom,
Against false laws of heretics,
Against craft of idolatry,
Against spells of women and smiths and wizards,
Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul.
Christ shield me today
Against poison, against burning,
Against drowning, against wounding,
So that reward may come to me in abundance.
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.
I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through a belief in the Threeness,
Through a confession of the Oneness
Of the Creator of creation.

The Golden Arrow Prayer

Dear Lord, through the sorrowful and immaculate heart of Mary, we offer Thee these prayers in reparation for the sins which offend Thee the most in these modern times; the sins of blasphemy and the profanation of Sunday and Thy holy days of obligation.

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory Be...

May the most Holy, most Sacred, most Adorable, most Incomprehensible and Unutterable name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored, and glorified in Heaven on Earth, and under the Earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the most Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

St. Bernadette Prayer

St. Bernadette,
pure and simple child,
you who were privileged to behold
the beauty of Mary Immaculate
and to be the recipient of her confidence
eighteen times at Lourdes;
you who did desire from then on
to hide yourself in the cloister of Nevers
and there live and die as a victim of sinners,
obtain for us that spirit of purity,
simplicity and mortification,
which will lead us also to
the glorious vision of God
and of Mary in Heaven.
Amen.

St. Hunna Prayer

St. Hunna, you are a reminder of the importance of clothing the naked.
In our homes, there are always bodies to be clothed, and in taking on our duties of laundering for our families, we should see the act of clothing Christ.
Pray for us, that we may see our family members with the love of God and learn to serve like you and like Christ.
Amen.

The Prayer of the Tools

All praise and honor to you, Lord Most High who shared with Adam the dignity of work in his naming all of your creatures.
May your name be blessed forever; the name who took great delight in your creation and rested on the seventh day.
Wheel and pulley that helped establish great civilizations, bless the Lord.
Plow that helped nourish humankind, bless the Lord.
Windmill that harnessed the winds, bless the Lord.
Printing press that enriched the world with books, bless the Lord.
Ships and boats that helped to unite the nations with commerce, bless the Lord.
Railroads that opened up vast distances to life and living, bless the Lord
Telegraph and telephone that help join families and friends, bless the Lord.
All cars, buses and airplanes that help to carry travelers, bless the Lord.
All computers that help store and share information, bless the Lord.
Cranes and bulldozers that help nations to build and grow, bless the Lord.
Sewing machines and looms that help clothe humankind, bless the Lord.
Handheld tools—wrench, hammer, saw, nail and pliers, bless the Lord.
Lord God, all times and in all places we have called You Creator. You spoke and all came into being. Grant us—your servants—to see in our work a reflection of your creative hand. Help us to find ways to help those that find their work oppressive, those without work and those who are in charge of workers. Bless and sustain those whose work is dangerous as well as to those whose work brings life and joy. Grant refreshment to those who have retired, and continued enthusiasm to those who have recently entered the workforce. Finally, through the intercession of St. Joseph, grant all teachers success in their endeavors as they make every and all work possible. We ask all of this in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

St. Florian

Dear Saint Florian of Lorch, you who have been chosen as patron of soap-boilers, we humbly ask for your intercession before our Lord. Guide and protect all those who seek your help in matters of soap-boilers. Through your holy example, help us to grow in faith and virtue. Amen.

Blessing of Crosses to be Placed in Fields

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

"Let us pray. Almighty, everlasting God, Father of goodness and consolation, in virtue of the bitter suffering of thy Sole-Begotten Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, endured for us sinners on the wood of the Cross, bless these crosses which thy faithful will erect in their vineyards, fields, and gardens. Protect the land where they are placed from hail, tornado, storm, and every assault of the enemy, so that their fruits ripened to the harvest may be gathered to thy honor by those who place their hope in the holy Cross of thy Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with thee eternally. Amen."

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Never permit me to be separated from Thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to Thee, that with Thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen

Prayer for the Ascension

O Lord Jesus Christ, who ascended into heaven in glory, I adore You and praise You and beg You to ask Your Heavenly Father to look down in mercy upon us who still struggle here on earth. Amen.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, may Your Kingdom come!

(Pray Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be five times)

St. Isidore Prayer

Good Saint, we are told that your devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was so great that you would rise before it was light in order to be able to attend Mass before beginning your work in the fields. Obtain for us, we pray you, some of that loving devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There it is that the fruits of our farm labor, bread and wine, are brought and offered to God by the priest. Then, in the consecration, Christ Himself, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, becomes present on our altars under the appearances of this same bread and wine. And in what was the altar bread, He comes to us to be the very food of our souls. If we deeply realize the value and beauty of Holy Mass, we will be very happy to attend as often as we possibly can.

Help us to understand that in the Mass we offer ourselves to God with Christ by the hands of the priest. There we can bring to God all that we do, and offer it to Him in union with His Holy Sacrifice. The oftener we do this now, the happier we shall be hereafter. Good Saint Isidore, bless us and our labors, that we may some day reap the reward of good works with you in heaven. Amen.

Blessing of Fields

Heavenly Father,
Lord of all creation and Giver of all life,
we praise You for Your goodness to us.
Give us the weather we need to grow our crops.
Bless these fields,
and make them yield bountiful harvests.
Bless those who work here,
and grant that all our work
may bring You greater honor and glory
and lead us closer to You.
We ask this grace
in the Name of Jesus our Lord.
Amen.