

Mission Community celebration/commissioning

Pastoral Prayers

St. Patrick's breastplate.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
 Christ behind me, Christ before 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

In Times of Difficulty

Lord you are a present help in trouble.
 Come revive
 Redeem
 Restore
 In our darkness come as light
 In our sadness come as joy
 In our troubles come as peace
 In our weakness come as strength
 Come Lord to our aid
 Revive
 Redeem
 Restore

St. Theresa of Avila

Lord Christ,
 You have no body on earth but ours,
 No hands but ours,
 No feet but ours
 Ours are the yes
 through which your compassion
 must look out on the world.
 Ours are the feet by which you may still go about doing good.
 Ours are the hands with which you bless people now.
 Bless our minds, and bodies,
 that we may be a blessing to others. Amen.

A Parish Prayer for Families

All praise and thanks are yours, heavenly Father:
 You have created families in your image
 And have chosen us to be followers
 of Jesus your Son.
 Look with mercy on all here present and those with whom we live at home.
 Help us to see and give thanks for the formidable energy with which you have graced family life.
 May we work together in harmony and grow in love by all we do.
 Loving Father, we ask this grace in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen

A Family Prayer (Chris Callan)

Help us to reflect the life of Christ in our daily lives through the normal and everyday events that we experience as a family.

Help us to accept new challenges and responsibilities; to learn to forgive each other after family disputes;

to help and care for those in our family who are elderly or sick,
and to express love for each other that strengthens our family bonds.

May we be aware of your presence as we celebrate together our family achievements and reach milestones in our lives.

Do not let us forget that you are still with us in times of trouble and distress.

May all we do and experience each day, give us the tools to create an environment for our human and spiritual growth.

We make this prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen,