

Come, let us sing to the LORD : let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Song "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Lord God of hosts, hear our prayer : listen, O God of Jacob.

Psalms 84:8-12

Behold our defender, O God : and look upon the face of your Anointed.
For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room : and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the LORD God is both sun and shield : he will give grace and glory;
no good thing will the LORD withhold : from those who walk with integrity.
O LORD of hosts : happy are they who put their trust in you!

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Exodus 2:23 - 3:15 Mark 6:30 - 46

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Nineteenth-century French mystic Therese of Lisieux wrote, "My vocation is love! In the heart of the Church, who is my Mother, I will be love. So I shall be everything and so my dreams will be fulfilled — to make Love loved."

Prayers for Others

Our Father

Lord God, please keep us balanced between the times you call us apart to be alone with you and the times when we dwell in the midst of others who claim you as Lord, that we might in every circumstance know ourselves in the beloved community of your Trinity. Amen.

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you : wherever he may send you;
may he guide you through the wilderness : protect you through the storm;
may he bring you home rejoicing : at the wonders he has shown you;
may he bring you home rejoicing : once again into our doors.**



March 17

Patrick of Ireland (389 - 461)

At the age of sixteen, Patrick was kidnapped from his home by Irish marauders and taken to Ireland, where he was sold as a slave to a chieftain and forced to herd livestock. After six years of slavery, Patrick escaped to his native Britain. Because he believed that his captivity and deliverance were ordained by God, Patrick devoted his life to ministry. While studying for the priesthood, he

experienced recurring dreams in which he heard voices say, "O holy youth, come back to Erin and walk once more amongst us." He convinced his superiors to let him return to Ireland in 432, not to seek revenge for injustice but to seek reconciliation and to spread his faith. Over the next thirty years, Patrick established churches and monastic communities across Ireland. When he was not engaged in the work of spreading the Christian faith, Patrick spent his time praying in his favorite places of solitude and retreat.

O Lord, let 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,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Song "Be Thou My Vision"

I arise, I arise today : in the Spirit of the Trinity.

Psalm 89:34-37

I will not break my covenant : nor change what has gone out of my lips.
Once for all I have sworn by my holiness : "I will not lie to David.
His line shall endure for ever : and his throne as the sun before me;
it shall stand fast for evermore like the moon : the abiding witness in the sky."

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Exodus 3:16-4:12 Mark 6:47-56

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This prayer is attributed to Patrick:

Christ be with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Prayers for Others

Our Father

Lord, if only we made ourselves as open and available as your saints of old,
who knows what you might do through us! Speak to us in visions and dreams,
make your will known to us, and be patient with us. Amen.

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March 18

Cyril of Jerusalem (315 – 386)

Cyril lived in the fourth century. His gift to the church was his refusal to separate good doctrine from good living, insisting that orthodoxy (right belief) and orthopraxis (right living) must be married. He was accused of selling some gifts from the emperor and giving the money to the poor. Cyril was condemned and forced into exile. He died in 386 at the age of seventy. Of his thirty-five years as a bishop, nearly sixteen were spent in exile.

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as the day rises to meet the sun.

**Glorify the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Song “All Creatures of Our God and King”

In the roar of a hard rain, Lord : we hear justice rolling down.

Psalms 93:4–6

The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice : the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea : mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
Your testimonies are very sure : and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
for ever and for evermore.

In the roar of a hard rain, Lord : we hear justice rolling down.

Exodus 4:10–31 Mark 7:1–23

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Cyril of Jerusalem said, “The way of godliness consists of these two parts, pious doctrines and good works. Neither are the doctrines acceptable to God without good works, nor does God accept works accomplished otherwise than as linked with pious doctrines.”

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