

around them. Let us pray for all married couples: that they remain loving and faithful to each other in good times.

Let us pray for those who are distressed, whether in body, mind or spirit. We pray for those who have lost hope: that they may find the joy of the Holy Spirit within their hearts.

For the Departed

We pray for the souls of all those whom we have loved but now no longer see; those who have gone beyond the veil of this mortal life. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, and rise in glory

We say *the* Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Lord our God, as with all creation we offer you the life of this new day, give us grace to love and serve you to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Sacred Spaces

Sunday Morning Prayer Phone in Booklet

Lent



Opening sentence

The path I walk, Christ walks it, May the land in which I am be without sorrow. We usually go to church to worship God with God's people, but today you are being church here in this place.

Litany

Have mercy on us O God, Father almighty, God of earth. God of fire, God of the waters of wonder. God of the gusting and blustering air. God of the many languages found throughout the world. Heavenly Father, you who abide in heaven, have mercy on us.

Invocation

Lord, be with us this day, within us to purify us; above us to draw us up; beneath us to sustain us; before us to lead us; behind us to restrain us; around us to protect us.

God of All

Our God is the God of all,
The God of heaven and earth,
Of the sea and of the rivers;
The God of the sun and of the moon and of all the stars;
The God of the lofty mountains and of the lowly valleys.
He has His dwelling around heaven and earth,
and sea, and all that in them is.
He inspires all,
He gives life to all,
He dominates all,
He supports all.
He lights the light of the sun.
He furnishes the light of the night.
He has made springs in dry land . . .
He is the God of heaven and earth, of sea and rivers,
of sun, moon and stars,
of the lofty mountain and the lowly valley,
the God above heaven, and in heaven, and under heaven.

(St Patrick)

The Psalm for today is read.



The Second reading for today is read.

Reflection or Poem



Intercessions

For the Church

We pray for all who work through the power of Christ in the Church today, serving the needs of the poor and healing the wounds of injustice, division and materialism in our society. We pray for all Christians: that they may seek the kingdom of God before all else. We pray that the Christian churches may grow together towards unity of faith, and witness to the values of the gospel.

For Ourselves

We pray that when we are discouraged, we may find strength in the signs of a loving and faithful God in those around us. We pray for the trust and openness to give our hearts and lives to God as Jesus did. We pray that we may be a sign of the love of God to all whom we meet.

For Others

We pray for the elderly, the sick and the lonely among us: that they may receive comfort, companionship and care from those