

## Saint Brigid, Secondary Patron of Ireland



We rise with God,  
may God rise with us.  
The hand of God about us  
in our waking and in our sleeping and in our rising up.

### Prayer to St Brigid

*Brigid, you were a woman of peace.  
You brought harmony where there was conflict.  
You brought light to the darkness.  
You brought hope to the downcast.  
May the mantle of peace cover those  
who are troubled and anxious,  
and may peace be firmly rooted in our  
hearts and in our world.  
Inspire us to act justly and to  
reverence all God has made.  
Brigid, you were a voice for the  
wounded and weary.  
Strengthen what is weak within us.  
Calm us into a quietness that  
heals and listens.  
May we grow each day  
into greater wholeness  
in mind, body and spirit.  
Amen.*

### Scripture Reading 2 Cor. 9:10-11

The one who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide you with all the seed you want and make the harvest of your good deeds a larger one, and, made richer in every way, you will be able to do all the generous things which, through us, are the cause of thanksgiving.

## Intercessions

- 1 We pray, at the springtime of the year, that our hopes may be renewed and that we are graced with the spirit of encouragement.  
Lord, hear us.
- 2 We pray that the Lord, who led St. Brigid along the paths of justice and holiness, may enable us to follow his way.  
Lord, hear us.
- 3 We pray that, like Brigid believed, that the new light that has come into our world through the coming of the Lord may brighten our lives.  
Lord, hear us.
- 4 We pray, like Brigid who desired to serve and not be served, that we may spend time in service of others, reaching out to those in need.  
Lord, hear us.
- 5 We pray, with Brigid, for the good health of those who are sick and the safety of all in this time of the pandemic.  
Lord, hear us.
- 6 We pray for eternal peace and rest for our departed sisters and brothers, that they may enjoy eternal rest with Brigid and all the saints.  
Lord, hear us.

## Concluding Prayer

Merciful God,  
origin and reward of charity,  
you called St Brigid to teach the new commandment of love  
through her life of hospitality and her care of the needy.  
By her intercession  
give to your people a generous spirit,  
so that, with hearts made pure,  
we may be open to all is need.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. Amen.

