

# PRAISE BEFORE PRAYER

## A. "Great and wonderful"

- 1 Great and wonderful are your deeds Lord God the Almighty : just and true are your ways O King of the nations.
  - 2 Who shall not revere and praise your name O Lord? : for you alone are holy.
  - 3 All nations shall come and worship in your presence : for your just dealings have been revealed.
  - 4 To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb : be praise and honour glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.
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## B. From "St. Patrick's Breastplate"

I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One and One in Three.

I bind unto myself today  
the power of God to hold and lead,  
His eye to watch, His might to stay,  
His ear to hearken to my need.  
The wisdom of my God to teach,  
His hand to guide, his shield to ward,  
the word of God to give me speech,  
His heavenly host to be my guard.

I bind unto myself the name,  
the strong name of the Trinity;  
by invocation of the same.  
the Three in One and One in Three,  
of whom all nature hath creation,  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
salvation is of Christ the Lord.



### C. "Te Deum Laudamus"

- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord;  
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,  
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
  - 2 You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.
  - 3 Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.  
Govern and uphold them now and always.  
Day by day we bless you.  
We praise your name for ever.  
Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.  
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
Lord, show us your love and mercy,  
for we have put our trust in you.  
In you, Lord, is our hope:  
let us never be put to shame.
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**D. "A Song of David" (1 Chronicles 29.10b–13)**

- 1 Blessed are you God of Israel for ever and ever :  
for yours is the greatness the power the glory the splendour  
and the majesty.
  - 2 Everything in heaven and on earth is yours :  
yours is the kingdom O Lord,  
and you are exalted as head over all.
  - 3 Riches and honour come from you : and you rule over all.
  - 4 In your hand are power and might :  
yours it is to give power and strength to all.
  - 5 And now we give you thanks our God :  
and praise your glorious name.
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**E. "A Song of Salvation" (Ephesians 1.3–7)**

- 1 Blessed are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ :  
you have blessed us in Christ  
with all the spiritual blessings of heaven.
  - 2 Even before the world was made you chose us to be yours in  
Christ : to be holy and without blame.
  - 3 In love you planned to adopt us as your children through  
Jesus Christ,
  - 4 that we might praise your glorious grace : your free gift to us  
in your beloved Son.
  - 5 In Christ we gain redemption; through his blood our sins are  
forgiven: how rich is your grace!
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**F. "A Song of the Wilderness" (Isaiah 35.1,2b–6,10)**

- 1 The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice :  
the desert shall blossom and burst into song.
- 2 They shall see the glory of the Lord : the majesty of our God.
- 3 Strengthen the weary hands : and make firm the feeble knees.
- 4 Say to the anxious, "Be strong, fear not,  
your God is coming with judgement :  
coming with judgement to save you."

- 5 Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened :  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
6 then shall the lame leap like a hart :  
and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.  
7 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness :  
and streams in the desert;  
8 the ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing :  
with everlasting joy upon their heads.  
9 Joy and gladness shall be theirs :  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
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**G.** "Gloria in excelsis"

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

