

United in the Mystical Body of Christ for the Restoration of the Traditional Latin Mass in the Diocese of Helena

St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer

I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through the belief in the threeness,

Through confession of the oneness

Of the Creator of Creation.

I arise today

Through the strength of Christ's birth with his baptism,
Through the strength of his crucifixion with his burial,
Through the strength of his resurrection with his ascension,
Through the strength of his descent for the judgment of
Doom.

I arise today

Through the strength of the love Cherubim, In obedience of
angels,

In the service of archangels,

In hope of resurrection to meet with reward, In prayers of
patriarchs,

In predictions of prophets,

In preaching of apostles,

In faith of confessors,

In innocence of holy virgins,

In deeds of righteous men.

I arise today

Through the strength of heaven: Light of sun, Radiance of
moon, Splendor of fire,

Speed of lightning, Swiftmess of wind,

Depth of sea,

Stability of earth, Firmness of rock.

I arise today

Through God's strength to pilot me: God's might to uphold
me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before
me, God's ear to hear me,

God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's
way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me,

God's host to save me

From snares of devils,

From temptations of vices, From everyone who shall wish
me ill, Afar and anear,

Alone and in multitude.

I summon today all these powers between me and those
evils, Against every cruel merciless power that may oppose
my body and soul, Against incantations of false prophets,

Against black laws of pagandom

Against false laws of heretics,

Against craft of idolatry,

Against spells of witches and smiths and wizards,

Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul.

Christ to shield me today

Against poison, against burning,

Against drowning, against wounding,

So that there may come to me abundance of reward.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,

Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I
arise, Christ in the heart of every man 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.

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Of the Creator of Creation.

Amen.