

## **7) Prayer for our Church**

May the strength of God pilot us.  
May the power of God preserve us.  
May the wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the hand of God protect us.  
May the way of God direct us.  
May the shield of God defend us.  
May the host of God guard us  
against the snares of evil  
and the temptations of the world.  
May Christ be with us.  
Christ before us, Christ in us.  
Christ over us.  
May thy salvation, O Lord, be always ours  
this day and forevermore. Amen.

*After St. Patrick*

## **8) Prayer for our Church**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Way, the Truth and the Life;  
let us not stray from you, the Way,  
nor distrust you, the Truth,  
nor rest in any other but you, the Life.  
Teach us by your Holy Spirit what to believe, what to  
do,  
and in what to take our rest, for your love's sake. Amen.

*Erasmus*

## **1) Prayer for the Church**

In the Church  
where there is corruption, may the Lord cleanse;  
where there is error, may the lord correct;  
where there is lack, may the Lord supply;  
where there is discord, may the lord grant love;  
where there is a loss of power to be His witnesses, may  
the Lord restore;  
where there is pride and self-sufficiency, may the Lord  
discipline;  
where there is humility, goodness, unity, and mutual  
love, may the Lord bless and strengthen.  
All these we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the head of the Church  
(*Bishop K. H. Ting*)

## **2) Prayer for a Steadfast Heart**

Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart,  
Which no unworthy affection may drag downwards;  
Give us an unconquered heart,  
Which no tribulation can wear out;  
Give us an upright heart,  
Which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.  
Bestow on us also, O Lord my God,  
Understanding to know you,  
Diligence to seek you,  
Wisdom to find you,  
And a faithfulness that may finally embrace you,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen  
(*Thomas Aquinas*)

### **3) Prayer for the Church**

Lord God, we thank you  
for calling us into the company of those  
who trust in Christ  
and seek to do his will.  
May your Spirit guide and strengthen us  
in mission and ministry,  
in our homes, our church and our world.  
Keep us humble and in daily dependence on you,  
our God and Savior. *Amen.*

### **4) Prayer for the Church**

We give thanks that you, Lord Jesus Christ  
are the sure foundation of this church,  
you are its the Head and Cornerstone.  
As we look to the year ahead, help us to remember  
that we are chosen and precious in your sight.  
Guide and direct our leaders.  
Uphold them with the sure knowledge that you will  
guard  
and deliver us from all harm.  
Show us how to walk humbly in your ways.  
You are our help for ever,  
and our confidence alone.  
We pray all these things your holy name, *Amen*

### **5) Prayer for our Church**

“O Israel, put your hope in the LORD  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption”

O Almighty God, we claim these words from Psalm 130  
as our own, for the coming year.  
May this church be one that is eager to cry to you,  
eager to repent and be forgiven,  
eager to wait on you and your direction in all our plans  
and decisions.  
May our hope be in you and your word, alone.  
We give thanks that your love is unfailing,  
our Lord and Savior *Amen.*

### **6) Prayer for our Church**

O Lord God, We give thanks for your great faithfulness  
to all your people everywhere.  
We ask that all those in leadership within our church.  
May know your protection and strength  
when they are weary,  
and their burdens of responsibility feels  
all consuming.

May each experience your peace in the night  
and be renewed by you, every morning.  
We ask all this is your name. *Amen.*