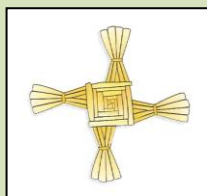


St Brigid of Ireland



Blessing of St Brigid's Cross.

Almighty Father



We gather today on this feast of St Brigid, our ancestor in the faith of Ireland to bless this cross of reeds which we have fashioned in an age-old manner to remind us of your love for the world shown so especially in the ministry of your Son.

As we sprinkle this cross with blessed water, we ask you to bless it † along with all those gathered here today and we pray that through the intercession of St Brigid we may be always faithful disciples of your Son. In the name of the Father who creates all life, and the name of the Son who showed us how much you love us, and in the name of the Holy Spirit who prays in our hearts always. Amen.

Litany to St Brigid for her Feast Day

St Brigid, faithful disciple of Jesus, pray for us

R/ Brigid Mhuire na ngael bring our prayer to God.

Woman of compassion and mercy

R/ Brigid Mhuire na ngael bring our prayer to God.

Daughter of Faughart and servant of the poor.

R/ Brigid Mhuire na ngael bring our prayer to God.

Abbess and founder of the Monastery of Kildare, leader of Christ's broken ones

R/ Brigid Mhuire na ngael bring our prayer to God.

Lover of nature, one with the whole of creation.

R/ Brigid Mhuire na ngael bring our prayer to God.

Woman of deep faith and courage

R/ Brigid Mhuire na ngael bring our prayer to God.

Flame of Justice

R/ Brigid Mhuire na ngael bring our prayer to God.

Healer of the sick and infirm

R/ Brigid Mhuire na ngael bring our prayer to God.

Teacher of prayer and reflection

R/ Brigid Mhuire na ngael bring our prayer to God.

Model of holiness and good living

R/ Brigid Mhuire na ngael bring our prayer to God.

Lover of Christ and servant of outcasts

R/ Brigid Mhuire na ngael bring our prayer to God.

Patron of our Land and its peoples

R/ Brigid Mhuire na ngael bring our prayer to God.

All / A Naomh Bríd, Mhuire na ngael Go mbeidh muid leat i bhflaitheas Dé Amen.

(St Brigid, Mary of the Irish, May we be with you in God's Kingdom amen.)