

I Bind Unto Myself (*St. Patrick's Breastplate*)

Therefore shall you lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. Deut. 11: 18

**I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity:
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three.**

Deut. 6:8
1Pet. 1:2; 2Cor. 13:14; Matt. 28:19.

**I bind this day to me for ever
By power of faith, Christ's incarnation:
His baptism in the Jordan river,
His death on the Cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb,
His riding up the heavenly way,
His coming at the day of doom
I bind unto myself today!**

Christ's Work for You
Power of faith: 1Co 2:5; 2Th. 1:11; 1Pet. 1:15.
Incarnation: John 1: 1-3.
Rom. 6:4; Eph 1:13.
Matt 28: 2-7.
Matt 21: 4-9; Rev. 19:13-16.
Rev. 1:8; Rev. 22:20

**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!**

God's Love and Care for You
Ps. 73:23; Ps 23:1-4.
Ps. 121:8.
Ps. 71:2.
Ps. 51:6.
guiding hand Ps. 139:10; shield Pr 30:5; Ps. 144:2.
Jer 1:9
2Kings 6:16-17; 1Kings 22:19; Luke 2:13.

**I bind unto myself today
The power of the great cherubim,
The sweet "well done" in judgment hour,
The service of the seraphim;
Confessors' faith, apostles' word,
Patriarchs' prayers, the prophets' scrolls;
All good deeds done unto the Lord,
And purity of virgin souls.**

Witnesses to God's Love for You
Gen 3:24; Heb. 9:5.
Matt 25:21;
Is. 6:1-6.
Acts 6:9-7:2, 7:59-60;
Eph. 3:14-21; Is. 34:16 - 35:10.
Eph. 2: 9,10.
1Thess. 5:23

**I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the starlit heaven,
The glorious sun's life-giving ray;
The whiteness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.**

Witnesses in Creation of God's Power
Ps. 8:3; Ps. 19:1.
Ps. 84:11.
Ps. 72:5; Ps. 89:37.
Luke 17:24; Ps. 114:8.
Ex. 14:21; Ps. 135:7 Mark 4: 29-31.
earth Job 38:1-13; Ps. 46:2; sea Ps. 93:1-4; 98:7
Ps. 18:2; Ps. 27:5.

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

Christ's Eternal Presence with You
John 15; Ps. 139, passim; within me: Gal. 2:20.
win me: Phil. 3:12-14.
comfort me: 2Cor. 1:3-7; restore me 1Pet. 5:10.
Ps. 139:5.
2 Cor 6:4-10.
Col. 1:27.
Luke 24:13-18, 28-32; Matt: 25:37-45.

**I bind unto myself today,
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!**

1 Peter 1:2; 2 Cor. 13:14; Matt. 28:19.
Gen. 1:1, 1:21; Rev 10:6;
Jn. 3:16