

**Novena to St. Brigid from Thursday 23rd January to Friday 31st January inclusive.**

**Day 2**

Today we pray for peace and reconciliation in our country, diocese, homes and hearts.

**Novena Prayer**

O Glorious St. Brigid,

Patroness of Ireland and the Archdiocese of Armagh,

protect the Irish Church

and preserve the true Faith in every Irish heart,

at home and abroad.

Obtain for us the grace to walk faithfully

in the path of Christian perfection during life,

and so to secure a holy and happy death,

with life everlasting,

in thy blessed company,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

[Mention your petition here...]

Saint Brigid of Armagh,

Pray for us.

Today we pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

**Concluding prayer**

God our Father,

Your people in the Archdiocese of Armagh wish to reflect on how best to meet the pastoral needs of your Church in this place and time and to search for ways to respond adequately to those needs.

We Pray to better understand our calling as your people. Help us to be eager and courageous witnesses to the joy of the Gospel by the lives we live and the service we give.

As we pray may we become ever more aware of your Spirit as our guide, comforter and inspiration so that our future plans and actions truly lead to everyone coming to know the joy of a personal encounter with You.

May we follow the example of your Son, Jesus, and place in You our trust.

May we listen to Your voice,

May we come to know Your will.

And then, when we are renewed and refreshed by this time of quiet discernment under Your Loving Gaze, send us to work towards building Your Kingdom.

We join our prayers to those who by their compassionate love, teaching and witness have shared the gift of faith with us as we ask the Saints of Armagh to walk with us and help light the path as we continue our pilgrim journey.

St. Patrick, St. Brigid, St. Malachy, St. Oliver Plunkett pray for us.

Naomh Mhuire, Máthair Dé, Guí Orainn

Amen