



HAPPY St. Patrick's Day



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A PRAYER OF SAINT PATRICK

Christ be with us, Christ be before us, Christ behind us,
Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us,
Christ on our right, Christ on our left,
Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where we arise,
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of us,
Christ in every eye that sees us.
Salvation is of the Lord,
Salvation is of the Christ,
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.

(Saint Patrick, Ireland, 5th Century)

St. Patrick was a humble man who constantly praised God for having chosen him as the instrument whereby multitudes who had worshiped “idols and unclean things” had become the “people of God.”

Legend says that St. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland into the sea to their destruction. Scientist say that there never were snakes in Ireland. Another legend is that he used the shamrock to explain to an unbeliever the concept of the Holy Trinity, three persons in one God, by showing him the three-leaved plant with one stalk.

Today, many St. Patrick's Day celebrations are being cancelled or curtailed. I'm not sure many of these were actually done in remembrance of this ancient man of God any way. Today, let's remember him and give thanks to God for this saint and for the many who have given their lives to serve God.

While we are still discussing and trying to figure out ways for us to worship and to serve God during this difficult time, let's give thanks for the Christ that is with us, before us, and as. St. Patrick's prayer says, all around us. May He protect you with his presence, power, and love.

Thanks be to God,
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