

Spiritual Care Message With Prayer

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In 1974 my husband and I, with our two youngest children (others were grown), moved into NYC where 40 years of Christian ministry followed. One of our interesting experiences had to do with the celebration of St. Patrick's life considered a saint of Ireland. I had many questions because in the city it was celebrated with drunkenness and such awful displays of human behavior that the city finally passed a law that anyone intoxicated, anyone carrying open alcohol, would be arrested and jailed due to the brawls and fights and harmful behavior. My personal studies and research of St. Patrick's life revealed his was a life of tears and prayers and servant behavior, culminating after many years, in the conversion of Irish men and women and children to acknowledge Jesus Christ in Ireland. The following is a small section of one of his very famous invocations, said to have been prayed as he entered upon his work for the conversion of Ireland. (I obtained this online.) I have always loved this section of his prayer and thought perhaps you would too. Jesus Christ is exalted. May we pray this exaltation of Him for our own personal relationship to Christ...it is the relationship He desires for us to have with Him...may 2026 be a year of desire for the abiding life in Christ, to know Him as never before, and to follow after Him with our whole heart, our servant heart. Jesus Christ is everything and St. Patrick seemed to know it.

Could I add a note of encouragement regarding your prayer life. We are intelligent and spiritually moved to see the Biblical insights God has given us with our world of nations and the brokenness of human ability to fix and repair. The desire to help lies only possible in our invitation and acceptance to walk with Jesus Christ, obediently and to ask and trust Him to show us what to do in our individual places of responsibility, as we Pray, Pray, and Pray to the One who is all knowing, all powerful, all present...AND WHO LOVES US. May prayer become our major commitment...may we pray as never before for our world, for nations, governments, leaders...our own personal worlds, our neighbors and friends... our individual families and loved ones...Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and forever!

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FROM ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER:

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,

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**Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who
thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who
speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Amen.**