



March 17, 2020

Feast of St Patrick

Good morning all,

In my speed to get my last email out to you all I omitted to wish you all a very blessed and happy St. Patrick's Day. I know this one will certainly be a very different one for all of us- but let us use this day and the witness of this saint to reflect on what is truly important at this time- our faith in Jesus Christ, our fellowship and unity as his Church and our desire to continue to share the blessings of this world with others, especially those less fortunate.

May you all be blessed on this high holy day and through the intercession of St. Patrick and all the saints may our world soon experience healing and true peace.

If you would like to view the Mass I offered today for St. Patrick's Day, please go to: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/when-necessary-use-words>

Fr. James

Prayer of St Patrick

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me,

God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to see before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me,

God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to secure me –

against snares of devils, against temptations and vices, against inclinations of nature, against everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near, alone and in a crowd...

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

Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit,

Christ where I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,

Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

Salvation is of the Lord. Salvation is of the Lord. Salvation is of the Christ.

May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.