

How can we celebrate St. Patrick's day in a way that would please St. Patrick?
St. Patrick's Breastplate Paraphrase for Today (feast March 17)

- We thank you this day, Lord, that we are called to be members of Your Mystical Body, the Holy Catholic Church. We thank you for the saintly bishops of old who handed our Faith on to us.
- Inspired by St. Patrick, we arise this day with the power that raised Christ. We call upon the strength of the Trinity by faith in the threeness that is oneness. We claim the power of Jesus alive in us: the strength of His baptism, the protection of His Precious Blood shed for us, the merit of His crucifixion and death, the benefit of His decent through hell, the power of His resurrection and ascension, the fruit of His intercession for us at the right hand of the Father, and the glory of Christ alive in His people today.
- We arise this day in the gift of the Holy Spirit, with the strength of God's love, in obedience learned from holy angels, and in the hope of our resurrection in eternal life.
- We arise this day joined with all the prayers of the Church, united with the faith of martyrs, with the teaching of the apostles, the communion of saints, the living Word of Holy Scripture, and the celebration of Holy Mass throughout the world..
- We arise this day as part of God's creation, in the light of the sun and moon, in the wonders of nature, in the ecological balance of our environment, and in brotherhood with all God's people.
- We arise this day with God's wisdom to guide us, with God's strength to keep us going, God's eye to see for us, God's ear to hear for us, God's Word to speak for us, God's hand to shelter us, and God's plan to follow.
- We arise this day with God's angel to watch over us and protect us from the traps of the evil one, to protect us from temptation and sin, to protect us from weaknesses in our nature, and to protect us from those who oppose our walk with God.
- We call on all heavenly powers to protect us from our own sinful inclinations, from false philosophies and ideologies, from the curse of gossip against us, from misunderstandings and hatreds, and protection from all false prophets and false religion.
- We accept the protection of our Savior from witchcraft, idolatry, and all occult and evil powers, from any spirit of self-destruction, from poisons, carcinogens and pollutants, from drownings, fire, and disease, from war, violence, terrorism and crime, from accidents and all harm, and especially from eternal damnation.
- We depend on Your protection, Lord, from unemployment and economic oppression, from unjust business systems and commercial practices, from heavy handed government and self important government workers, from all oppressive power, abusive law enforcement and legal troubles.
- We depend on our Savior, Jesus Christ to enliven our good deeds and offerings. We join all our works, joys, sufferings, persecutions, and prayers with the all sufficient merits He earned for us on the cross. We joyfully accept the prodding of Christ as He leads us through our trials. We depend on Him for our fulfillment in this life and in the world to come.
- We accept God's commandments as the only way to peace and happiness in this life and the next. We follow Him because we are convinced that God loves us and knows infinitely more than even the best of us.
- In the power of the Holy Spirit we call upon our inner hearts to welcome Christ alive in us and to place ourselves alive in Christ. From here we praise and thank our Creator, we trust and obey God's plan for each of us, we love God with all that we are and have, and we treasure His gift of creation. In Christ we pray for repentance and salvation for ourselves, our families and all people whose lives meet ours. With this power we long for His coming in glory.
- Christ is with us, Christ is alive in us, Christ before us to lead, Christ behind us to prod us on, Christ under us to hold us up, Christ over us to watch out for us, Christ to our right and to our left to protect us, Christ our friend where we sit and stand, Christ our brother where we lie down and get up.
- Lord be in our eyes to see You in others, our ears to hear Your Word and our mouth to speak out for You. Be in our hearts that we may love others with Your love, be in our minds so we may think Your thoughts, in our hands so we may do good works, in our legs so we may walk your way, in our spirit that we may express your joy and freedom, in our souls that we may live forever.
- May Jesus be in the heart of everyone who thinks of us, in the mouth of everyone who speaks of us, in the eye of everyone who looks at us, in the ear of everyone who listens to us, and may He be in every life we touch today.
- We call down blessings on all forms of just government and on servant officials, on the law and on the police who protect us, on holy Church leaders and Christian ministries and missions, on good stewards of God's gifts, and on our families, friends and benefactors.
- We arise this day with the power that raised Jesus. We call on the strength of the Trinity, by faith in the oneness that is threeness, through belief in the real presence of Jesus resurrected and alive in His Church and Sacraments, in the poor, all His people, His holy Word and especially in the Holy Eucharist.
- Salvation is a gift of the Lord. Salvation is a gift of Jesus. By our living faith we accept His saving grace, now and forever. Amen. St. Patrick pray for us. Amen.
- In the name of Abba Yahweh, our eternal source, and of Yeshua Messiah, our Savior, truly God and truly human with us, and of Ruach Ha Kodesh, the Divine Spirit, who together in love are one eternal God. Amen. Hallelujah. Amen.