

Irish Blessings to You

Ah, 'tis the day for the wearing o' the green. And any good Irishman (and everyone who wants to be) rejoices in this time of celebration and camaraderie.

St. Patrick's Day, of course, is named for the Roman Catholic, Britain-born Christian missionary who became the patron saint of Ireland. When he was about 16, he was captured by Irish raiders and taken from his native Wales as a slave to Ireland, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After entering the church, he later returned to Ireland as a missionary in the north and west of the island. He is responsible for winning many souls into the Kingdom of God.

It is appropriate, then, to offer some Irish blessings to you in honor of this remarkable man and the Lord he served. Here's one:

*Wishing you a rainbow
For sunlight after showers;
Miles and miles of Irish smiles
For golden happy hours;
Shamrocks at your doorway
For luck and laughter too,
And a host of friends that never ends
Each day your whole life through.*

And this one, to be sure:

*May God give you ...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.*

Happy St. Patrick's Day! And I am sure this faithful man would have this prayer for you today: May God pour out His blessings upon you in abundance.

– Beecher Hunter