Good Morning!

If we were in school today, you would be wear-

ing kelly green ties, hair ribbons, socks and sweaters. I hope that you will do that even today on day #2 of your "work at home" adventure.



Please find some way to use this in your family's prayer or routine today. St. Patrick was a very real person, a saint, a model of our faith. (If you have any special thoughts or photos rom today, please send them on)

The Breastplate of St.Patrick

Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort me and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger



Saint Patrick used things in nature to teach about Christianity.

He used the shamrock to explain the Trinity.

A shamrock is a green plant that has three separate leaves.

Patrick used this plant to explain that there are three Persons in one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was a Christian missionary given credited with converting Ireland to Christianity in the AD 400s. So many legends surround his life that the truth is not easily found. ... His real name is believed to be Maewyn Succat and he took on the name Patrick upon becoming a priest. As a teen, he was kidnapped by pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland to herd and tend sheep on Slemish mountain, Co Antrim.

During his six-year captivity, he became fluent in the Irish language. He turned to God in prayer. He escaped after having a dream sent from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by

As we journey through Lent we pause to keep the feast of Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. We mark the day by praising God the creator, who sustained Patrick and who sustains the Church in good times and bad.

Reader: That the leaders of our Church may have the courage and wisdom of Patrick (short pause): Lord hear us.

Reader: That those who leave our shores in search of new beginnings, may know that the presence of God journeys with them. (short pause) Lord hear us.

Reader: That those that come to our country, may find a welcome place to celebrate their unique culture (short pause) Lord hear us.

<u>Reader:</u> That those who live far away from home may know the love and support of the Christian Community wherever they may be. (short pause) Lord hear us.

Reader: That peace and reconciliation may grow through the example of St. Patrick: (short pause) Lord hear us.

God of truth and beauty, you look after us through the prayer of our friends, the saints...(short pause)....keep us and all your flock in your care, through the intercession of St. Patrick. AMEN.



