

# Prayer for Europe

Every year on March 17, many people around the globe celebrate St. Patrick. He was a human trafficking victim in the 5th century, who became a missionary to the people and land (Ireland) where he was a slave. Here's a well-known prayer by St. Patrick, slightly revised and customized to be a **prayer for Europe**:

***Christ with us***, as we pray and work for Europe

***Christ before us***, our hope is in Him

***Christ behind us***, for history is His story

***Christ in us***; a guiding light for the nations

***Christ beneath us***; He is the foundation

***Christ above us***, as we seek justice and mercy

***Christ on our right, Christ on our left***, He is Lord of the marketplace and the public square

***Christ when we lie down***, and rest from our work

***Christ when we sit down***, and do our work

***Christ when we arise***, enthusiastic or weary

***Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of us***,  
and our vision

***Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of us***, and  
our work

***Christ in every eye that sees us***, young and old, rich and  
poor, countrymen and foreigners

***Christ in every ear that hears us***, speak about hope for  
Europe

Glory be to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
forever and ever. Amen!