

## Day 2 Fifteen Days of Hope by Pastor Bruce Johnson

For the next 15 days, I will be offering some words of hope in a time of fear.

March 17—Words about Trusting Christ

In times of great stress, I have often returned to the words of an ancient Irish prayer known as St. Patrick's Breastplate. The image is of St. Patrick recalling the great Christian doctrines as puts on his clothes for the day. As his clothes cling to him, he wants the great Christian truths to cling to him. The prayer ends like this:

Christ, protect me today

Against every poison, against burning,  
Against drowning, against death-wound,  
That I may receive abundant reward.

Christ with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, Christ within me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ at my right, Christ at my left,  
Christ in the fort,  
Christ in the chariot seat,  
Christ in the poop deck,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

I bind to myself today

The strong virtue of an invocation of the Trinity,  
I believe the Trinity in the Unity  
The Creator of the Universe.

• Scripture to ponder: Philippians 1:21-26

• Song to sing: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtwIT8JjddM>

