

Presbytery friends:

With inspiration from Rev. Ken Rummer, I have gone to the Ancient & Classic prayers in the *Book of Common Worship* for this Collect from Patrick of Ireland: pg 1105

May the strength of God pilot us.
May the power of God preserve us.
May the wisdom of God instruct us.
May the hand of God protect us.
May the way of God direct us.
May the shield of God defend us.
May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil
and the temptations of the world.
May Christ be with us,
Christ before us,
Christ over us.
May your salvation, O Lord,
be always ours this day and forevermore. Amen.

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