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Psalm 33.18: "Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy.

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Lailat al Miraj (March 11)

Lailat al Miraj celebrates the Prophet Muhammad's nighttime journey from Mecca to Jerusalem, where he then ascended to heaven. While sleeping in the Ka'bah, the sacred shrine of Mecca, Muhammad was visited by the archangels Jibril and Mikal. The archangels purified his soul and filled him with wisdom. He was transported from Mecca on the back of the winged Buraq to Jerusalem, where he ascended to heaven, met the previous prophets on the different levels of heaven and eventually met God. He was then instructed on the importance of reciting salat (prayer) five times a day.

This is a very important and sacred day in the history of Islam.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Same old song, just a drop of water in an endless sea. All we do, crumbles to the ground though we refuse to see, dust in the wind, all we are is dust in the wind



... if necessary, use words

The people formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise. (Isaiah 43.21)

Eucharist means

"thanksgiving". We belong to an eucharistic community were we give thanks to God for all his blessings.

He loves us freely and unconditionally. If we give Him thanks then the next logical step would be to share this with others. Faith is not a private matter. Our beliefs and values are seen in our actions. Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words.

Christians ofter attribute this statement to St. Francis of Assisi, Italian Catholic friar. It usually referes to idea that. the when witnessing to others, we don't have to actually speak out the message of the gospel verbally. Instead, we can simply go about living our life in the best way possible so as to allow our light to shine before others.

During this Lenten season, spread the Good News of thanksgiving and love...and, if necessary, use words!



St. Patrick's Breastplate

| arise today Through the strength of heaven; Light of the sun, Splendor of fire, Swiftness of wind, Depth of the sea, Stability of earth, Firmness of rock.

l aríse today Through God's strength to pílot me; God's míght to uphold me, God's wísdom to guíde me, God's hand to guard me.

Afar and anear, Alone or in a multitude. Christ shield me today Against wounding:

> Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in me.



March 17 – St. Patric's Day

l arise today Through the mighty strength Of the Lord of Creation.



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One of the common pitfalls of faith is seeing Jesus through simple interpretations that fit our own understandings. Was he a humble pacifist or a passionate reformer? The answer is, "Both."

Upper Room Books The Upper Room Disciplines 2021: A Book of Daily Devotions #kindlequotes

Yom HaShoah Prayer (Holocaust Remembrance Day, April 8)

Lord, remember not only the men of good will, but also those of ill will. But do not remember all the suffering they have inflicted upon us. Remember rather the fruits we have brought, thanks to this suffering: our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, the courage, the generosity, the greatness of heart that has grown out of this. And when they come to judgment, let all the fruits we have bourne be their forgiveness.



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