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“RABBIT, RABBIT!!!”

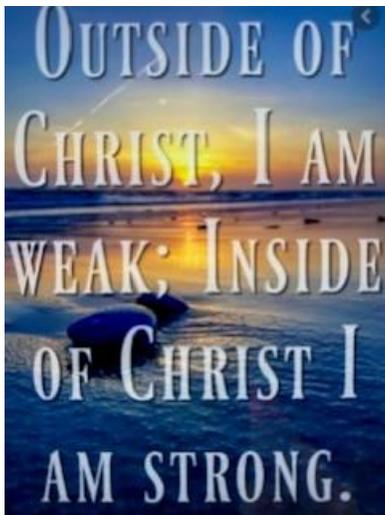
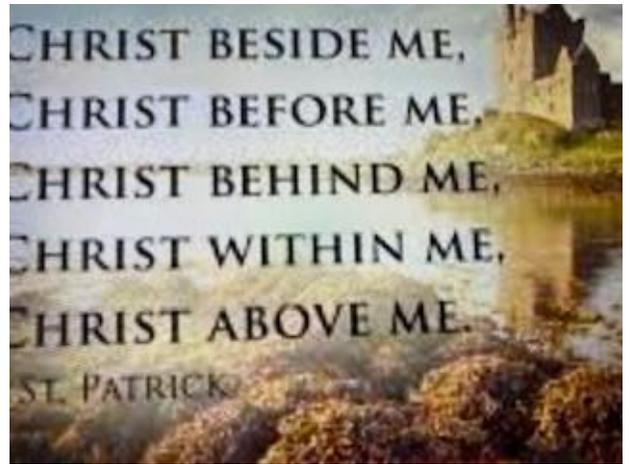
Did you say that when you woke up on June 1?

Who knows where or when that custom began, but uttering it as you begin a new month is supposed to bring good luck..... as is carrying a rabbit’s foot, finding a four-leaf clover or hanging a horseshoe over your door.

LUCK is something which happens by chance - - - while BLESSINGS are rooted in love and grace.

When the ancients prepared for battle, they put on a “lorica” (a breastplate or body armor) for protection. “Saint Patrick’s Breastplate,” an old Irish prayer, suggests another way to seek a blessing of protection — in which one invokes the power of the Christ as a safeguard against evil in all its many forms.)

“Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me  
Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me  
Christ in the eye that sees me  
Christ in the ear that hears me...”



This prayer is not a Harry Potter-like lucky magic potion — but instead an earnest plea for God to be present always — in our ENTIRE BEING, permeating every aspect of who we are and ALL with whom we will come in contact. As we pray, we affirm our TRUST in our God and can say as in Romans 8:31, “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Dwight Beal paraphrased these words beautifully and if you [click on this link](#), you can listen to him sing them as you read and pray along.

What might our life be like if — instead of just saying “RABBIT, RABBIT” to begin each month, we said this prayer every morning to begin to our day?