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WEEKLY REFLECTION

**Sunday 2nd November 2025: All Saints
Prayer (3)**

PRAYER OF LIFE AND TIME

We continue our series looking at prayer. To quote John O'Donohue "When a great moment knocks on the door of your life its sound is often no louder than the beating of your heart and it is very easy to miss it." To live a conscious life, we need to constantly refine our listening.

In the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 there is a list of the relationship between certain events and their proper time.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
a time to be born and time to die,
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what has been planted,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to lose,
A time to keep and a time to cast away,
A time to tear and a time to sew,
A time to keep silence and a time to speak ,
A time to love and a time to hate,
A time for war and a time for peace."

Time and life prayerfulness are also found in the prayer of St Patrick, commonly referred to as his breastplate"

I arise today, through
God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,

God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me,
From snares of devils,
From temptation of vices,
From everyone who might wish me ill.

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in 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 when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every many 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.

Kevin H.