An Irish Friendship Wish

May there always be work for your
hands to do;
May your purse always hold a coin
or two;
May the sun always shine on your
windowpane;
May a rainbow be certain to
follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend always be
near you;
May God fill your heart with
gladness to cheer you.

If God sends you down a stony
path, may he give you strong shoes.

A Blessing from Saint Patrick

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your
back,
May the sun shine warm upon your
face,
The rains fall soft upon your
fields and,
Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His
hand

May neighbours respect you,
Trouble neglect you,
The angels protect you,
And heaven accept you.

An Old Celtic Blessing

May the blessing of light be on you
—
light without and light within.
May the blessed sunlight shine on
you
and warm your heart
till it glows like a great peat fire.

Go n-eírí an bóthar leat.
May the road rise with you.

Irish Marriage Blessing

May God be with you and bless you.
May you see your children's children.
May you be poor in misfortunes
and rich in blessings.
May you know nothing but happiness
from this day forward.

Wherever you go and whatever you do,
May the luck of the Irish be there with
you.

A Gaelic Christening Blessing

Dearest Father in Heaven,
Bless this child and bless this day
Of new beginnings.
Smile upon this child
And surround this child, Lord,
With the soft mantle of your love.
Teach this child to follow in your
footsteps,
And to live life in the ways of
Love, faith, hope and charity.

May the light of heaven shine on your
grave.

God bless the corners of this house,
And be the lintel blest,
And bless the hearth and bless the
board,
And bless each place of rest,
And bless each door that opens wide
To stranger as to kin,
And bless each crystal window pane
That lets the starlight in,
And bless the rooftree overhead
And every sturdy wall.
The peace of man, the peace of God,
The peace of love on all.
bring the best to you and yours!