

Christ prayed for His flock.



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# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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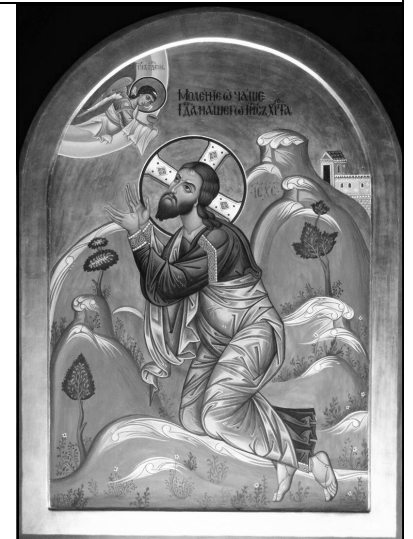
## Christ's Joy

**Have you ever done something to make somebody happy?** Have you written a note or drawn a picture for somebody? Have you done a chore for somebody? Have you given somebody a compliment? It's a big deal to make somebody happy or joyful!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear how our Lord, Jesus Christ, prayed before His crucifixion. Our Lord prayed for His followers and He prayed that they would come even closer to God. Jesus prayed to His Father, "Now I am coming to You; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Did you know that that's what Jesus wants for us? He wants us to have His joy! Now we are His followers too, and God wants us to come to Him. He wants us to have His joy—the joy of life with Him. Joy in heaven with no pain or sadness. That's why God is calling us to Him! He wants us to have His joy.

Sometimes we can think about what we do to make people happy, but today, let's think about what God does to make *us* happy. Really happy and really joyful! God wants us to give us life with Him forever!



# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

COLUMBA  
CREATION  
GETHSEMANE  
GIFT  
JOY  
MISSIONARY  
NATURE  
PRAYER  
SCOTLAND

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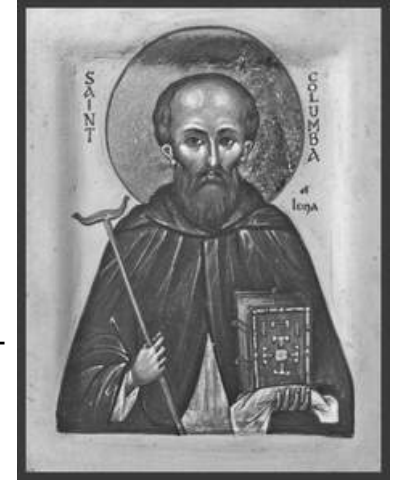
Here is another little icon of Saint Columba. This time, you can see part of the monastery he built in Scotland.

You can see some wildlife there too! Is it a bear in the background?



## SAINT COLUMBA ENLIGHTENER OF SCOTLAND

**Do you know what it means to enlighten somebody?** Well, it means to give somebody information or news. It means to let them know somebody they didn't before.



Today we celebrate Saint Columba. In our Church, we call him the “enlightener of Scotland,” because this wonderful saint told the people of Scotland something they never knew before. And what was it? It was the good news of Jesus Christ. Saint Columba brought Scotland the light of Christ!

Saint Columba was born in Ireland in the 500's, but he left for Scotland because the people were pagan. Many people there worshipped things in nature, like trees. Saint Columba started a great monastery on the little Scottish island of Iona. He baptized the pagan king there, and he also baptized the king of the Scots there too.

Saint Columba understood the pagan people's love for nature. Saint Columba loved nature too. One story tells us that when the saint built the monastery in Iona, he wouldn't let even one tree be cut down! But Saint Columba knew that nature was God's gift to man. He knew that God had created the world, so he worshipped God and not the trees!

**We celebrate St. Columba on Sunday, June 9th (June 22nd, OC).**