

Easter Message

Dear brothers and sisters

My thoughts and prayers go out to every one of you, but especially to those affected by the COVID-19 virus and the people who take care of them. I also pray for those who have lost a loved one during this pandemic. In moments of pain, we wish to be close to those who have left us. We wish to mourn as a family, by holding each other. You may have been deprived of this for the moment, but never forget that you are not alone. The Lord is there near you, to support you, to hold you in his heart and repeat to you: "He who believes in me, even if he dies, will live because I am the resurrection and the life."

Throughout this Holy Week, we will experience the passion of Christ more intimately. Deeply loved by God his Father, Christ accomplished the mission entrusted to him, to manifest the divine Love in words and deeds among us: a love that is healing, a love that is mercy, a love that went as far as giving his life for his friends, a love stronger than death and source of eternal life!

Confined, as we are presently as if entombed, isolated from one another, we will soon leave this confinement and then, in full light, we will joyfully celebrate the Christ who came out of a tomb 2000 years ago.

He is risen, and makes of us resurrected people, called upon to never be separated from God and from all those who are dear to us. As this beautiful Easter holiday draws near, may the Risen Christ fill you with peace, love and strength. May he bless you, and especially those who, through their services and care, watch over the weakest among us following in the steps of Christ our good Shepherd.

Happy Easter

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