



Loving God,

We have passed through these forty days of Lent . . .
forty days that have found us
lost at times and feeling the pain
of isolation and despair and helplessness.

There have been moments
when it has seemed like an endless Good Friday,
filled with loss and separation.

If we have ever needed an Easter Sunday,
it is now.

We desperately need to hear the Alleluias . . .
Alleluias, calling us to hope and to new life,
Alleluias, reaching into our very souls,
Alleluias, reminding us that He has risen
and will be with us always!

This we know . . . of this we can be assured . . .
for even though we may continue to live
in uncertainty as we pass through these days;
for even though we may still have moments when we fall again
into feelings of helplessness and despair;
for even though we may at times experience the pain and anxiety of isolation.

We also feel a sense of hope,
a hope that knows tomorrow will be better . . .

We also feel a sense of joy,
a joy that depends not on what is around, but on what is within . . .

We also feel a sense of peace,
a peace that the world cannot give . . .

We also feel a sense of love,
a love that calls us to be all that we were created to be,
for ourselves and for each other . . .

We also feel the closeness of our Savior . . .

We also feel the comfort of His words . . .

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Have faith in God and faith in me . . . “

In all things, we shall be more than conquerors!

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen. Alleluia!