

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! HALLELUJAH!

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes, he arose victorious from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign. He rose, he arose, hallelujah, Christ arose.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, He arose! Christ arose! Death could not hold, him the grave could not control him, he arose, hallelujah, Christ arose. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord my strength and my redeemer. Amen!

Over the past forty days, we have been expectantly waiting for today, this glorious Easter Day, which fills us with hope, which gives us renewed sense of the love that Jesus has for us, knowing that he suffered and died for our sake. He was scorned and abused, he was condemned and crucified, for crimes he did not commit. But he spoke not a word until he was on the cross, when he cried out father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, but not my will, but thine be done.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, we too bear some heavy burdens, and we ask God to take them away, but never seem to wonder, if what we are going through is God's will for us, we never seem to have the courage to say, not my will, but thine be done. Jesus was confident as he was at the point of death, that if he had asked his father, to send him a legion of angels to rescue him, that he would not have suffered such a terrible death, but he understood his assignment, God's will must be done.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I want you to understand this, some of the burdens, some of the trials and tribulations that we go through did not come to stay but came to pass, so that His will may be done on earth. So stop complaining, stop asking God to relieve you of what you are going through, and instead, learn to say, 'Father, help me through this, so that your will may be done'.

This blessed Easter, we could shout triumphantly, that it is finished, it is finished! Oh, death where is your sting? Oh grave, where is your victory. The sting of death is sin; and the

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strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, today is resurrection Sunday. We who believe that Christ died and rose from the dead, have been changed. Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life, and he who believes in me shall never die, but, let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! Does this mean that we will all not die a physical death? Absolutely not! But our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, therefore we will all be transformed. Some of us will be caught up in the air to meet him, but those of us who live and die in Christ, will be raised with Christ.

So, my Christian brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever in vain. Let us pray:

Dear God, you sent our son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins, may today be for us not just Resurrection Sunday because Jesus died and rose again, but a resurrection in our lives, where we will put all of our sinful members to death, and be slaves to sin no more, knowing that we have been redeemed and washed clean in the blood of the lamb, so that we could continue on doing the will of God, confident, that our work for God will never be in vain. All this we ask in the mighty name of Jesus, and let all the peoples say, amen.

On behalf of myself and my family; Davika, Wanda, Ginger, Abby, Frisky, and Kryer, we wish you a joyous and glorious Easter.

The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

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