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Blessings to the Vicars/ Priests-in-Charge, Parish Managing Committee Members and all the faithful of Diocese of UK-Europe and Africa;

Dearlly beloved in Risen Lord Jesus!

Christ is Risen!!! Indeed He is Risen!!!

Wish you all a Blessed Easter.

Thanking Almighty God for His everlasting Love for giving us one more opportunity to commemorate the feast of resurrection. Resurrected Christ is the corner stone of our Christian Faith. Let us partake in the Joy and enlightenment received by the women and disciples at the tomb on the third day. Shadow of darkness has faded away by the light of the world. This is the victory of Heaven over the powers of the evil. When the thrust of the darkness tries to suppress the powers of wisdom, there were echoes of anxiety and fear. It could not last for longer.

Again, We would like to urge that this is the time to get hold of the Hope and Joy of resurrection. Our Lord suffered a lot and undergone horrific dishonourable trials and got crucified by men. By the will of Heavenly Father, third day He rose above the death for the salvation of the world. The Resurrection is the message of everlasting Peace and Love in the Heavenly Kingdom. The courage to sustain the sufferings is the message of true Christian life. We have seen the sufferings of our Lord which enables us to meet any causalities in this world. At this juncture of struggles our responsibilities are to pray for each other and for the world, provide help and support to the affected ones as far as possible. Try your best to offer moral support to those living with anxiety, especially the senior citizen and those living on their own.

Dear ones, let us continue Pray to Almighty Lord for a speedy withdrawal of COVID 19 pandemic. As you might be knowing a small number of our members in Europe too are affected and are under treatment for this disease. Let us pray for all the affected persons and their families for a speedy recovery and to give them all the courage to overcome the stressful situation.

We gratefully remember the good work being done by the doctors, nurses and all the frontline staff in hospitals and other key areas of the daily life to tackle the pandemic. A good number of our members are working in the health sector all around the world. They are the tools in the hands of Almighty Lord to save the lives of our fellow beings.

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Let us pray to Almighty God to give them physical and mental strength to accomplish their duties.

Unlike in the past years, this time we were not able to conduct the congregational services of the Holy week. We are very pleased to see that our Priests have conducted all the timely prayers and most of our Parishioners were able to participate or watch it through internet broadcasting. We would like to express Our gratitude to all our clergies and Parish office bearers for the arrangements made on this behalf.

Once again wish you all a Happy Easter!

Your Spiritual Father and Shepherd


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