## Easter Reflection

The joy of it! Jesus conquering death! What more could anyone have given us than three years of passionate proclamation and healing, love and a gentle touch—and an excruciating Passion and death, promising NEW LIFE in His Resurrection! To have Jesus ENGAGED IN OUR SUFFERINGS AND JOYS every day, as we struggle along our paths, and as we rejoice at all times, during the good and the not-so-good...this is the life of a Christian...inspired by the Holy Spirit and revealed in the blessed actions of LOVE around us by others whom we encounter.

What does Easter mean to me?

**EASTER MEANS** no matter the mistakes I have made, no matter how far afield I have drifted, I'm uplifted and Saved by the Blood of the Lamb.

**EASTER MEANS** my Savior lives in everything I see and hear, especially in the people I see and hear, no matter whether I agree with them or not the light of Christ is IN THEM...and I rejoice in that, as Jesus encourages me to love my neighbor and love myself.

**EASTER MEANS** that nothing else really matters but being in the luminous glow of the Light of Christ.

**EASTER MEANS** the past is washed clean, like whiteness of wool, and the NOW is set in order while the future is blessed beyond all knowing.

**EASTER MEANS** the smiles of the faces of little children reflect in my heart, as I HAVE BECOME a loving child of God.

**EASTER MEANS** my vision has become clear and my hearing attuned as I reach out to the world <u>IN and AROUND me</u>.

**EASTER MEANS** that I can rest—assured, relaxed, awakened and revived...Jesus can do all that for me—and anyone who minds His ways!

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