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Dear Friends,

Alleluia! He is Risen! Alleluia!

Easter is a SEASON of 50 days to celebrate this wondrous mystery; Jesus is risen from the dead! This is the centerpiece of our faith, an event beyond imagination, improbable yet true and real – God accomplished through Jesus what only God could do. And God did this to show how much we are loved! Jesus surrendered and gave his all for our sake. There are no words to exclaim our praise enough. “Alleluia” will have to do.

“Alleluia” is my favorite word, partly because it only has one meaning — “Praise the Lord” — and partly because it is unique: there is no other word like it! That seems appropriate since there is no other God like ours. There is no other act of God which deserves such outstanding praise!

I encourage you to sing Alleluias in your heart, if not aloud, for the next 50 days. While you're at it, perhaps you might want to name one or more of the reasons you have to give praise to our God. I'm confident that you can think of many!

Isn't it appropriate that Easter occurs during Spring, when we are surrounded with flowering trees and blooming plants in abundance? These are signs of the NEW LIFE that Jesus brings us through his death and resurrection.

We are so blessed, and we pray that God will continue to bless you, especially this Easter season. Know that we hold you and your intentions in our life of prayer each day.

With Alleluia in my heart,

Sr. Nancy

Sr. Nancy and all your Poor Clare Sisters

May almighty God bless you. May God look upon you with mercy and give you peace.

— Blessing of St. Clare