

# Together on the Journey

## My dear Sisters

How often in our lives have we said, "Yes, the Lord was present there!" Can we recall those beautiful experiences on our life's journey at this Easter? "I did not know then!" sometimes came the exclamation from us.

Remember what Joyce Rupp calls the 'little easters' in our lives: we have met the Lord in the garden of our life, at the sea shore, on the way to Emmaus, behind the closed doors. These were turning points in our lives. Can we make these little easters come alive for others too? Jesus is present there, where we need Him. (Read John- Chapters 20&21 & Luke 24: the appearance of the risen Lord in their life circumstances)

## Let us look around us --



Many are marching into freedom: economic, political, spiritual;

Several dream of a world of peace, justice and equality;

Some yearn for friendship, enlightenment, growth;

Nearly all long for clean air, safe water and healthy environment.

Quite a few desire collaboration and strengthening.

Possibilities for education, job and livelihood are priorities too.

The home-bound, terminally ill, abandoned, wait for a sign of hope;

Children and youth are on a search for truth and they are longing for answers.

In our communities, young and old equally long for support, accompaniment, and encouragement.

Can we be present to them? Can we live and share *the Joy of the Gospel*?

## Hope urges us forward --

The Risen Lord invites us to walk with them. If not for us, someone's journey may lead to a dead-end; but with us they can take a different route. Every person we meet today is trying to change their life some way. We can change the course of life of some people; we possess something that could eliminate sorrow and heartache from their life. We have been gifted with each other!

## Stop for a moment --

What are my own greatest gifts besides being myself a gift? Whatever be my gift, God will use it to bless others through me. We are called by the Word of God.

I wish you the Joy of being a companion on the journey to many people. In the love we bear is the hope we share. Along the way of Hope, may you find strength in the Risen Lord, who always walks with us!

O Risen Lord, reveal to us how we can be Women of Hope. *S. Helme*