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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank God that Easter occurs near springtime. Yes, Easter happens at different times of the year every year, but it occurs when things get warmer (typically get warmer...I say this having lived in Michigan almost my entire life). And though I give thanks for all seasons of the year, and fall actually being my favorite, there is something about spring and the transition to summer. It reminds me that though things seem to have died, there is still yet life ready and waiting to burst at just the right time.

When we think of right timing, it is hard for us to understand it sometimes. Yet we still trust in God even when things do not go the way we want. I'm sure that those who lived in the Old Testament times were wondering when God would deliver them. And even in the New Testament times, at least the beginning, there were many who were wondering when the "winter" of suffering would be over. We could ask why God did not send Jesus Christ to earth sooner or right after Adam and Eve sinned so that we would be spared the loss of so many lives, the wars, suffering, and continued suffering would never have happened. However, we must rather look at what God did to save us, regardless of what we think would have been better timing.

We can think about and even plan our lives with the best timing in mind, yet we are not to overthink about it as well as God's timing to the point of causing us to be distracted from what is more important, and that is present time and how we will use that God-given time.

Take time to look at your life, considering each day we are granted, and may you live a life more time focused on celebrating the gifts you have in Christ and what you are able to do for Christ where you are and with all that God has given to you. Whether it is praying and making a call or sending a card, or if it's studying or working or helping take care of yourself or those around you, do it all knowing that you do it all for the love of God. God has given you a secure future in heaven one day through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. So live this life joyfully and freely as an expression of love in everything you think, say, and do so that all those around you and those whom God has allowed to cross your path will be drawn closer to Jesus Christ, our Good Lord and Shepherd!

With the amazing joy and love of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ,

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