



Faith and Light, Easter 2017  
Letter from the international coordinator

# Help us to live your Resurrection

Lord, I was quite happy to come and find You in this monastery for a retreat in silence but, on arrival, I was welcomed by a person with a disability; I got scared and left..

## **Help me to live your Resurrection**

*How is it that you looked for me? And did not find me? You ought to have been able to see my face and my presence in this person, I made the effort to really welcome you and this is how I am thanked.*



Lord, we were so happy to welcome our fourth child and then it was announced that he had Downs Syndrome! We were very distraught and unhappy; what had we done to the Good Lord to deserve this? However, we will still give him all our love.

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*How is it that you reacted like this? Your child is the living proof that I will always be at your side because the works of God reveal themselves in him.*



Lord, our friends abandon us one after the other; our child with disability causes them to flee: they cross the road when they see us in the street, they avoid us so often when we celebrate together.

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*How is it that you are so alone? You are going to find other friends, those whose friendship is real, strong and lasting. In these, you will recognise my disciples: if they love one another.*



Lord, we wanted to say yes to you when you called us to follow you in a Faith and Light community. In the beginning, there was great enthusiasm but gradually, we became stuck in comfortable habits; some left, people did not want to be leader...

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*How is it that you have so little faith? Is your name not Faith and Light? I allow you peace, I give you my peace; this is not in the way of the world that I give it to you. May your heart not be upset or afraid.*



Lord, I did not want to leave my name for the province coordinator elections. I thought that this responsibility was too much to bear and I wonder if I have done the right thing.

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*How is it that you are so fainthearted? However, do not worry, if this decision has left you in peace, you have done the right thing. And then there are other ways of putting yourself at the service of the community, your gifts will be very useful.*



Lord, I was under the impression that I had done the most I can to be the servant of the communion in my coordination team but I am continually reprimanded and nothing that I suggest is kept. Yet I get the feeling that all this is the result of my prayers. Do you hear me when I pray?

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*How is it that you are deaf to my responses? I answer you through those who have been chosen to help you. To help you to really "hear", why don't you go on a retreat together? Do not forget to take some persons with an intellectual disability with you, they will help you to better hear and better live my Resurrection.*

Lord, come and live in us and in our communities!

*How is it that you forget so quickly that after the Passion comes the Resurrection? I thought of each one of you in my agony, I shed such tears of blood for each one of you, so that you can live in the strength and joy of my Resurrection! I have spoken to you so that you have peace in me. In the world, you have to suffer but be brave! I am the conqueror of the world.*

Yes, we will stay with you, in the company of John and your mother at the foot of the cross with all the crucified of our world.

**Christ is Risen, Alleluia!**

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