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On his way to Calvary, Jesus instructs the women not to weep for him. Earlier, he himself weeps over Jerusalem. We weep at the colossal loss of life seen recently in New Zealand and in Sri Lanka. Such unthinkable horror perpetrated at religious people engaged in prayer and worship is symptomatic of the state of the world as we find it today. It seems utterly lost in a sea of barbaric hostility and carnage. For those living in England, London has become a place where people live in fear of knife attacks. Women and children in parts of Africa starve of hunger or are brutally murdered by revengeful gangs of thugs out to maximise terror and destruction. Millions suffer as a result of natural disasters, being made homeless and helpless. I weep as I write these words, and know like many of us have a duty to proclaim a Easter message that, even out of a passion story of immense cruelty, the joy of the resurrection is the world's only hope. But it is not easy, moreover when the Church of the Loving Saviour is often at war with itself. Not only is there disagreement, but isolation of those who wish to advance a position of inclusivity across the Christian spectrum. Who are not concerned about issues of sexuality, but working toward social and spiritual cohesion at every level, and where prejudice must be rooted out with

determination and love. Our great worldwide Communion must always have at its heart the belief that the Incarnation is the supreme act of Love the world has ever known, and the Resurrection such love demonstrably made evident in our midst. We must ever be weeping for the World, the Jerusalem of the Master, and for all people of whatever faith and religious allegiance. We must ever look for the good, the Incarnation Love and Resurrection hope, amidst all the turmoil and chaos. And we weep not just because of the immense suffering seen on a gigantic scale, but for the love in action of countless people who refuse to acknowledge the darkness, as they follow the Light that shines in the darkness and the solitary flame of the paschal candle carried through the darkened church by the deacon at the Easter vigil. Christ is our light. Christ is the World's only light. We weep in the darkness but our tears face the light. May the blessings of the Resurrected Christ enrich all in our great catholic Communion throughout this joyful season and always. With my tears of Love to all our bishops, priests, deacons, religious, teachers, catechists and lay folk in all our provinces and diocese' and parishes across the World. And as the Lord has said: weep not for him, but for the World he loves.

With my love and blessings,

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