Season of Lent and the Still Dark Dawn of Easter Morn.

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<u>A Modern Creed</u> by Bob Green

WE BELIEVE in a power beyond our imagination,

that designed and put into force all the laws that govern the universe.

Laws that differ from our meagre attempts to understand or accept them.

WE BELIEVE in a power that loves every part of creation.

A love that treats every wonderful, minute aspect of creation in the same way, because of its unique place and contribution to the whole.

WE BELIEVE in a power so secure in its own being that it allows me and others the complete freedom to live and make plans and decisions.

Plans that may not always accord with the original design. Decisions that bring destruction and pain as well as growth and joy.

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Living In Lent in Hope

Dear Friends in Christ ... every year we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection. Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration. In order that our Lent may be a time of renewal and growth we begin and live out this season by remembering our need for repentance and for the forgiveness of God proclaimed by Jesus Christ ... I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ, to continue observing a holy Lent by self examination and repentance, perhaps by fasting, perhaps by self denial, by giving to those in need, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

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Prayers of the Faithful by John O' Donohue

That the light of Easter may fully enter our hearts and change us, bless us.

Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

Foe all those whom we love, the gift of friendship, that friends are blessed with the kindness and generosity with which they bless us.

Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For those suffering in the world. For those in hospital, for those who are depressed, that they receive the peace of Easter. For prisoners everywhere, for those who suffer injustice, and starving in a world with enough food.

Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

Foe all the people of this parish, especially those who have been ill and who have died in the past year, Lord you know the deepest needs of our hearts. We pray you renew and transform us for our Kingdom work empowered by you.

Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us. You know our deepest pleas. Renew and transform us in the new dawn of EASTER LIGHT. Amen.

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Dear Friends, Blessing and Peace this Lent, throughout Holy Week and in the joy of Easter's morning. Jane, Your minister. 1st March, 2024