Spiritual Care Message with Prayer

Early Spring weather seems to have come to Indiana over these past weeks. While we know the dangers of those warm temperatures too soon, if counteracted by the not so warm temperatures of March, everyone is expressing great satisfaction with these sunshiny days and the promise of summer ahead of us. I've met many who do not enjoy the freezing winds of Winter, and the hot heat of Summer, but I've never met anyone who does not enjoy Spring.

And ahead of us is April's Easter. For some time in the stores Easter has been pronounced with sale items. And if you look around there are eggs of all kinds, jellybeans, chocolate and baby rabbits and chicks and ducks and this year I noticed some added animals in pastel colors...all cute to place in baskets, etc.

It is easy to forget that Easter is actually a Christian Holiday, (as is Christmas), in which the resurrection of Jesus Christ from His death on the Cross, is a central theme in the hearts of those who follow Him. While there are many cute little animals produced for baskets...there is ONLY ONE LAMB, THE LAMB OF GOD, chosen by God as a sacrifice for the sins of the human race in our world. The Bible says, BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD. The characteristics of Jesus are like those of the lamb: meek, docile, yielding, gentle...as when being led to His own slaughter on the Cross. Why? To be the sacrifice, the sin-bearer for each of us. Read Luke 24 and BEHOLD THE LAMB. It is life changing.

--Lois

<u>Prayer:</u> Father, give me spiritual sight to behold, to see the Lamb of God you provided yourself for our redemption. Let me see Him with my heart and move toward Him. May our nursing home friends see Him and return our love and worship, and may my heart be His. Amen

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