



# Happy Easter 2019!

My Dear Friends,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter is a special time of the year for me as it brings with it a freshness and a new beginning for us all as Christians. It is a time when we truly recognise that God is able to do the impossible. Can you imagine what it was like for the disciples when they saw the stone rolled away and Jesus was no longer in the tomb? What a shock it must have been when they realised that Jesus' resurrection was real indeed!

The good news for us is that whether we are in our beds or homes, in church or at work, Jesus is alive and here with us, he lives in us and in him we live and move and have our being. What joy this is to have the blessed assurance that Jesus is with us always, even until the end of time.

As I write my first Easter letter as your Worldwide President, I can almost feel your presence with me and I can see your smile as you read this letter. I remember my childhood days growing up in city of Georgetown in Guyana at Easter time. My father and mother would sit for hours making kites for me and my two brothers. Then on Easter Monday, we would wake up very early, finish our chores and with great excitement, pack our picnic baskets and off we would go to the National Park or the Seawall to fly our kites. As children it was such fun for us, but it was later on in life I realised we were celebrating the resurrection of Jesus by raising the kites high in the sky! By midday when the sun was in all its glory, the families in the city would be out too with their picnic baskets and hundreds of kites could be seen soaring in the blue skies. It was a special time for us to spend the day with family and friends, sharing our food, playing games together and more importantly making sure our kites flew all afternoon rather than come crashing down. The day would end, sometimes too quickly for us and we would be tired but happy that we could share our experiences of Easter Monday in school the following week.

As you think about your own precious moments of Easter through the years, may you be filled with the love of treasured memories, the peace of Jesus which surpasses all understanding and the lasting friendships of our beloved Mothers' Union.

Thank you for all you have done for Mothers' Union in the past and all you continue to do. It is because of your constant prayers that we can continue our work and overcome the challenges that come our way. It is because of your prayers that we can plan ways to give families with little or no hope, a bright future. It is because of your prayers that I can humbly lead this life-changing movement of ours.

As we begin this new triennium with a new trustee board and a new constitution with new opportunities, we will remain faithful to the cornerstone that was laid by Mary Sumner 142 years ago. Please do continue to pray for us as we will do the same for you.

As I close, I pray that God will continue to shower blessings of love, peace, joy, healing, and comfort on you and may he keep you in the palm of his hand until we meet again. Happy Easter!

With my love and prayers always,

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