

### **“A Winter Reflection in my Rose Garden**

I have just pruned my roses as they sure look bleak. It is cold and the forecast predicts rain and hail

look—a little ray of sunshine promising brighter times ahead.

We hear so many people saying sorry for all sorts of reasons and I have to look at myself and ask what am I sorry for, and should be sorry for? Will I see a ray of sunshine when I own my own inadequacies and work on them as I do when I tend the garden.

The roses will bloom again because of the pruning and nurturing. It is amazing what changes can happen if we are honest and transparent to ourselves and others. Let us all work towards peace, harmony, patience and adaptability in this difficult time. Seasons change and so to can we.

Where is God?

Just look around—look out, it will be Spring in no time. Pruned roses may be looking bleak but Spring bulbs are starting to flower.”

### **Biblical gardens**

John is the only one to tell us that Jesus was buried near the site of the crucifixion and the tomb was in the garden. Remember that Jesus story began in the garden of Eden. Along the way there was another garden. Jesus and all his disciples went across the Kidron Valley, to where there was a garden. Judas, the betrayer also knew it. There it all ends in a garden—garden of resurrection and the beginning of creation. This image has created prayer opportunity to meet with our Lord in a garden when we can express true feelings alone without a “brave face”.

### **Garden Tips**

- 1) Hellebores (also known as winter roses) are now in flower. They give lovely blooms in pastel shades of green, cream and purple and are frost tolerant.
- 2) Save the netting from vegetable and fruit bags, if cut in pieces they are perfect for lining plant pots. They save the earth but allow water to drain through.
- 3) Time to clean plant tools read for Spring.

