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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In this joyful season of Easter, the Church frequently prays Psalm 147. It expresses the new life and hope that we have in the Risen Lord. Here are the opening verses:

*Alleluia!
Sing praise to the Lord who is good;
sing to our God who is loving:
to God our praise is due.*

*The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
God heals the broken-hearted
and binds up all their wounds.*

Indeed, God is good. The Resurrection of Jesus leads us out of exile from the land of sin and death to new life. The power and presence of the Risen Lord heals our wounded and fragile lives and binds our hearts with new hope. That is why we sing praise to the Lord who is good.

With this great song of praise, Easter also challenges all of us to re-imagine our lives in light of the Resurrection of Jesus. With his grace, we can break free from the cycles of pain, violence, destructive forces, misunderstandings, and everything else that weighs us and our world down. We can re-envision our lives and live differently.

May God grant you and your loved ones renewal and joy in the Risen Lord Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago