

*So also you have sorrow now; but I will see you again,  
and your hearts will rejoice,  
and no one will take your joy from you.*

John 16:22

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Dear Friends,

This verse can be a guiding light for us as we continue this year. We may feel sorrow at the state of our world today but Jesus is still Lord and King for His church worldwide, all those who love Him. The words of 1 Peter 5:10 encourage us, “And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you.”

The new enclosed Resurrection card encourages us to reflect His joy and to go forth in the victory of His name, strong in suffering. This year on Canaan we will once again host a SONRISE service during which we can worship and proclaim together -

***CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!***

We continue to proclaim Jesus’ victory over our lives, our families, our country and our turbulent world. Very concerning is the rampant rise in Anti-Semitism in our country. We learned just last evening that it is up by 235% globally but by an astonishing 800% right here in Canada. Jewish people continue to be harassed and their properties vandalized.\* We join our voices with our Jewish brothers and sisters in saying, “Never Again” and continue to pray for all the innocent people suffering in the Middle East as well as in other parts of the world.

Our three sisters working in Israel continue to seek ways to support the people there. One sister was able to volunteer some days on a citrus farm in southern Israel. Due to the war, there is a great lack of help to bring in this year’s harvest of fruits and vegetables. They suggest i24 News as a good source of news for the current situation in the country. There is also a good article written by Charles Gardner for *Israel for Today* about our ministry to the Jewish people: [www.israeltoday.co.il/read/Antidote to War](http://www.israeltoday.co.il/read/Antidote%20to%20War).

\* Bulletin National House of Prayer Ottawa, Prayer Stream 2024-02-17

\* CBC 2023-12-19 Antisemitic incidents make up 53% of reported hate crimes

\* 2024-02-20 Global News investigation explores Canada’s dramatic spike in antisemitic hate

## Literature Responses

“Thank you for sending the books *My All for Him* in such a timely manner! We look forward to reading them and using them as a resource to draw closer to our Lord and Saviour Jesus.”  
Order for two copies of *Father of Comfort* - “I so enjoy the daily assurances of our Father’s love and want to share it.”

“I have been reading *You Will Never Be the Same*. I am now 90 years old but I still want to draw closer to Jesus and to grow in grace and sanctification. I would appreciate any help you can give me in this.”

It was a joy to hear from many of you during the Christmas season. Now with warmer than usual winter weather and a light snow pack, it seems spring can only be around the corner; then the cleanup work begins to open the Prayer Garden for visitors. During the winter months we are not here alone. It is easy to track who else is living with us along the lake: moose and deer, along with coyotes and porcupines have their own “highways” around the property.

We continue to remember you in our prayers and trust you will have His joy in your hearts as you follow our Lord Jesus. May His light shine forth to bless all you meet along the way.

Yours in His precious fellowship,

*Sisters of Mary*

***Prayer means lovingly bringing all needs of our family, friends,  
neighbours and our nation, indeed, the whole world,  
before the Heavenly Father and persisting in faith  
until help and salvation come.***

From *Building a Wall of Prayer* by Mother Basilea