**To Live It is Necessary to Resurrect**

* **Scripture reading:**

“. . . But God raised him from the dead on the third day . . .” (Acts 10:34, 37-43)

“. . . For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God . . .” (Col. 3:1-4)

* **Devotional Lesson:**

And just like that, death has changed to a resurrection, in just one step.

The grave changed into a sort of cradle.

To say “happy Easter” is the same as saying “Easter is yours and for you. Enter, take all that is yours.”

To celebrate Easter does not mean to be spectators to this inaudible event, to hear its story for the umpteenth time, but to live it along with the protagonist.

Celebrate Easter, all those who will take part. It’s about dying and being buried with him (baptism is not another thing).

If we are not united in his death, we cannot be with him in his resurrection.

The old man, that is to say, the man of sin . . . is condemned to the shame of the crucifixion.

The entrance to the new life, to live as the resurrected, here, in this earth, is only possible if we are willing to have our own funeral.

May we be gripped by an Easter longing for resurrection. We must anticipate today, immediately, our resurrection.

After everything, to be resurrected is the only way we have to be alive.

--Pronzato, A.

* **Reflection**

In order to live, we must be resurrected. But we cannot be resurrected without dying. What is your faith grounded in? In the midst of the crisis of the pandemic, maybe discouraging thoughts try to attack. The Christian faith is centered on the power of God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

* **Prayer:**

Pray that you might experience the presence of our resurrected Jesus in your life and in your family, and that God would intervene to destroy the pandemic.

* **Action:**

Celebrate that Jesus lives and has the power to destroy the pandemic; he is not a God of the dead but of the living. Pray that you will be an instrument to be used by God.

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