

## **A Message for Easter**

I would like to pass on my best wishes to all those marking Easter at this time, the most important festival in the Christian calendar.

The Easter story tells of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and reminds Christians of the eternal life, the new life, that is offered to all who believe in Him. We celebrate the freedom from past failures which Christ offers us and the hope which his resurrection holds out.

I trust that this festival of new life can be a symbol of hope to others too - Christians and non-Christians alike. It reminds us that out of darkness can come light, out of death can come new and better life, out of defeat can come victory.

At a time too when the earth faces the unprecedented challenge of global warming, which threatens the very future of God's creation itself, I believe that we are called to reflect on our responsibilities as stewards of the natural world: to nurture God's creation so that it leads to renewed life for all.

May you all have a happy and blessed Easter.

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