



***Lord**, let something essential and joyful happen in us in this Easter Season of sun and light, clouds and rain – Something like the preparation of the soil, the planting of a seed, and the blooming of a flower.*

***Lord**, let something essential and joyful happen in us like the deepening of faith and hope, like the expanding of a grateful heart, like living ordinary life in extraordinary ways.*

***Lord**, let something essential happen in us, something more than fleeting or superficial, interesting or thoughtful.*

***Lord**, speak to us and change us somewhere deep inside where it matters in the essence of our being.*

***Lord**, make this change burn, tremble, heal and explode us into tears or laughter, or love that throbs or screams or that catches us in a terrible, cleansing silence.*



***Lord**, speak to us of the essential change that will enable us to dare the courageous and the hopeful deeds which bring us into solidarity with others and close to those most at risk.*

***Lord**, let something essential and joyful happen in us in this Easter Season, something essential like “putting our hands to the work of resurrection!”*

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