

Here are 3 Letters to God. They are written by kids.

1) Dear God,

Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy.

Joyce

2) Dear God,

If we come back as something, please don't let me be Jennifer Horton because I hate her.

Denise

3) Dear God,

I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4

people in our family and I can never do it.

Jim

Based upon these cute letters to God, these young ones could use one of the gifts of the resurrected Lord: PEACE. There is an ache, an unease within them about a certain issue. They long for PEACE.

In today's Gospel Jesus appears to his Apostles. These are the ones who couldn't stay awake with him in his agony. These are the ones who abandoned him. These are the ones who fled in fear and panic at the time of Jesus' greatest need.

Jesus could have said to the Apostles: You rats! You wimps! You no good for nothings! He could have blasted them, scared them, heaped guilt on them.

He didn't. Jesus extended "Peace" to them. He wished them "Peace." He breathed and blest them with "Peace."

Peace is one of the gifts of the resurrection. Making peace is one of the activities of the Resurrected Lord. Spreading peace is the work of those who follow in Jesus' footsteps.

To us who are full of fear, plagued with guilt or unable to trust, the Risen Lord blesses us with "Peace".

As disciples of the Lord in 2010 our mission is to spread peace in our greetings, in our interactions and in our relationships with one another. We are to create peace where there is misunderstanding, hurt or a need for forgiveness.

As Bishop Ken has written in the white books: "WE are the presence of the Risen Lord to one another." As we receive the gift of "Peace", we share it and we spread it. And wonder of wonders, all around us NEW LIFE blossoms!