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G'day my dear Friends,

I very much hope you and yours are keeping well. I am aware that some of you are not so well, my thoughts and prayers are with you. You will be well aware of this but I write it to you anyway: just because we are not meeting in the usual way does not mean you have been missed or forgotten about by your church family. Keep us posted as to how you are travelling and know that we are glad to hear from you.

Some people are thriving in this time as they do all sorts, some of you are telling me that you don't feel too much different as you spend a lot of time at home anyway. Some others are climbing the walls!

We are on the road from Easter to the Ascension, and then Pentecost. This Sunday our Church theme was the journey along the Emmaus Road (Luke 24: 13-35) with songs like: "*the Spirit lives to set us free... walk walk in the light*". For all who experienced Jesus and most especially surrounding His resurrection life thereafter is a journey of walking in faith, walking in His Spirit and seeking to walk his way.

Prayer: "Lord Jesus you turn our world upside down: with you we learn the way of giving as better than receiving; the way of forgiving over condemning and the way of trust in every circumstance. You walk with us along the Emmaus road with our questions, our doubts and fears. You enter our conversation. And your words are a light for our path."

Lord as we walk with you we talk about our faith in these times: "Our faith in you is what's keeping us sane! Lord, as we've been walking we've been discussing things like isolation, missing our family and friends, and the terrible numbers of deaths around the world because of this virus. We've also been talking about our friends who are unwell - we worry for them. You care for all our cares, I see that. We were talking about all those who served and gave at all cost, who died in the service of others and how they reminded us of you.

We will walk with you Lord; you will walk with us; at times we will look for your hand and at times you will tell us to press on in faith. At times we stop with you as you break bread, food for the journey. You give us to drink and our thirst is quenched. We are ready to walk on again. Lord lead the way.

Pray for each other as there are matters we can pray about for each other; keep in touch, share your news, there is plenty of good news to go around.

The Peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all,
Kenneth.