

Canaan in the Desert  
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*Our Dear Friends,*

We greet you in anticipation of the upcoming season of Lent. While Lent will end with the celebration of Jesus' victorious resurrection, we are drawn to the Passion Way of His suffering. We want to accompany the Lord on His pathway because we know that these days have proven to be treasured experiences of deepening our relationship with Him. Mother Basilea's books, *Behold*

*His Love* and *Let Me Stand at Your Side*, will bring you a deeper awareness of His suffering and a greater understanding of the price He paid for our redemption. We are always grateful for this preparation – then we can fully enter into the celebration of His resurrection.

Perhaps you have felt, as we have, the growing tension in our country. It seems we are becoming more divided over issues that are close to the Lord's heart - and yes - it is causing changes. We have surely become aware of the suffering this is bringing into the lives of many people. As we try to understand what the Lord Jesus told the disciples regarding the onset and increasing birth pains associated with the end times (Matthew 24:8), we pray often for the Lord to send the help and comfort that is needed. May He personally guide you and your family in the days ahead; this is our prayer for you.

We are all asking, "How shall we prepare in these days?" We are drawn again to the Passion way of the Lord. Jesus anticipated the suffering and was completely committed to do the will of His Father. In prayer and supplication Jesus was one with the Father in the purposes of His suffering. How blessed we are that the messages of our dear Mother Basilea convey this same oneness in spirit. As we pray about our future and the way the Lord will lead us, we are continually asking for the strength and courage to face whatever comes. We have the promise that He will always be with us. What an encouragement it is that the Lord has also promised to send His ministering angels to help us in troubling times (Psalm 91).

The new edition of Mother Basilea's book *The Unseen World of Angels and Demons* brings the reality of this promise to life. Illustrations of the many ways the Lord sends His ministering angels to protect, guard and guide will be an encouragement for each reader. We also have an excerpt from the book in leaflet form.

We also hope the updated prayer will help you to stay focused on some of the many prayer needs facing our nation.

We wish you a blessed Lent and send our warmest greetings to you all,

*The Sisters at Canaan in the Desert*