



## **Catholic News – Easter Message 2026**

The most significant day in the Christian Calendar is Easter Sunday. Of course, the great three days (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday) has led us to this moment of great joy and hope. Christ is risen Alleluia Alleluia!

Easter this year is celebrated when the world is at war. Every month there seems to be another world conflict and in the midst of this darkness, Jesus Christ rises from the dead.

How does His resurrection speak to the realities of a world at war?

The resurrection speaks to a world at war not merely as an historical event but an active, disruptive and ultimate answer to human violence, trauma and death.

For me, the resurrection is God's decisive NO to death, bombs, wars and graves. It provides the promise that for every war-torn land there is another way and that death does not have the last word.

The resurrection further validates the life of Christ, a victim of state execution, showing that those who stand against violence are not abandoned by God. The doors of heaven have been thrown open, inviting a new reality of peace and justice in our troubled world.

I pray that "the world" will hear this message and allow the reality of resurrection to personally touch it in such a way that people's hearts may in time change, so that all will come to see that death can never have the last word and that a life with Christ is a life worth living.

May we draw close to each other this Easter and be filled with the reassurance that all will be well. Easter Sunday lifts us up (literally), so let us be lifted up and embrace the new life that is on offer. Happy Easter everyone.

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