

## **PRAYER LETTER APRIL 2017**

### **MORNING HAS BROKEN**

Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing  
Praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight  
Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning  
God's recreation of the new day  
*Eleanor Farjeon*

We are an international community, living all over the world under different circumstances, in different environment, in different seasons and in different time of the hour. Where I live it is bright morning at the moment, and early spring. It brings this special feeling of freshness and newness. Eastertime is springtime in my part of the world and underlines the message to all of us: Jesus made everything new on Easter morning. When that morning broke he had fulfilled his task. We can greet each other with the words: Our Lord is risen!

Two days are special DIAKONIA prayer days for me, the equinox. All though the morning comes to us at different time, the temperature will be different and so the environment around us, one thing we will have in common at equinox: the day and the night are at the same length, all over the world. I use the equinox to remember that although we are different, we also have a lot in common, and we belong together, as sisters and brothers.

In April we specially pray for  
Schwesterngemeinschaft Diakonieverband Ländli in Switzerland  
Vårsta Diakonkår in Sweden  
Highveld Deacons in South Africa.

We will also pray for those who suffer in the huge famine in Africa and for people all over the world that are struck by actions of terror.

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