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Grace and peace to you!

Brothers and Sisters,

As we reflect on the last year, even with the easing of restrictions and the economy fully reopened, we recognise that these are still financially challenging times for everyone. We can all agree that morality, respect for self and others are on the decline and the church is being targeted to conform to such aspects of this changing world.

As we begin the Lenten Season - a time of preparation of the believer for the Lord's Resurrection through prayer, fasting, repentance of sins, giving and self-denial, let us contemplate the mystery of Christ's victory over sin and death, the promise of eternal life and the light of Christ in our lives.

We are therefore challenged to observe this season as **"A New Beginning"**, an opportunity to refresh our souls, taking the time to reflect, renew and restore.

As the Apostle Paul encouraged the church at Corinth to give in **2 Corinthians 9: 6-8**, let us also be encouraged to give an Easter gift to our churches by putting aside one dollar a day,(everyday) during the 40-day Lenten period as almsgiving.

Let us pray that we discover the overflowing, abundant joy and life of the Resurrection, in our own hearts and in the world around us.

May the Lord bless you and keep you as we journey together through this season. A Holy and Blessed Lenten Season to you and your families!!

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