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# LENTEN THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**“We shall never know all the good  
that a simple smile can do.” – Mother Teresa**

**“Scatter joy.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Two of my favorite quotes remind us of the joy and laughter that should be part of our Christian life. Why should/How can we be joyful even in the midst of stressful and hurtful situations? We are joyful because He who is Hope and Love, He who has promised us abundant life is within us and with us. We trust that whatever our present situation, He is in control and all will be well.

Our Province IV Board reads a common devotional, *God Calling* (edited by A. J. Russell). The devotional thoughts of that little book, somehow, always seem to speak to the daily situations I face. A few days ago, the reading (February 18) said “It is not passionate appeal that gains the Divine Ear so much as the quiet placing of the difficulty and worry in the Divine Hands. So trust and be no more afraid than a child

would be, who places its tangled skein of wool in the hands of a loving mother, and runs out to play, pleasing the mother more by its unquestioning confidence than if it went down on its knees and implored her help, which would pain her the rather, as it would imply she was not eager to help when help was needed.”

How much greater is the love of God for us than even the love of a mother for her child. He has said that He knows our needs even before we ask. And yet, it is in coming to Him, in placing everything in His hands that we are brought into contact with his transforming love...a love that gives us a calm peace as we trust Him to guide us and provide for not only our needs, but also our abundance.

“And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.”  
Romans 5:5



Nancy Sheffield

May this Lenten period be for you a time of trust and hopeful waiting that culminates in an abundance of blessings and joy at Easter.

**With love  
For His Sake,  
Nancy**

## PROVINCE IV SUMMER RETREAT

**Please join us  
in the mountains  
for a renewal of body,  
mind and spirit  
as the Rev. Terence Lee,  
Chaplain, Diocese of SC,  
leads our  
Summer Retreat.**

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