

**Pre-Chapter Meeting, April 15**  
**Opening Prayer**



**Call to Prayer**

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!  
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!  
Easter is a time of hope, of joy, and of renewal.

We come together on this Easter Saturday  
with hearts filled with praise and thanks to our loving God  
who through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ proclaims:  
"Behold, I make all things new!"

As consecrated women of the Church,  
cherishing and celebrating our IHM legacy,  
we are filled with hope for the future,  
with joy in being called by Christ,  
and with a renewed sense of commitment to community  
and to the mission of the Church.

We ask our Risen Lord to be with us this day  
as we begin our prayer together...

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Sacred Scripture**

Romans 14:7-9

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.  
For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life,  
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

From Liturgy of the Hours, Saturday in the Octave of Easter

## **Prayer Mantra/Reflection**

"Risen Lord, Be with Us"

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Risen Lord, be with us.  
Teach us love as you love us.  
Risen Lord, stay with us.  
Help us to lay down our lives.

*Pause for a few moments of contemplation.*

## **Concluding Prayer**

Loving God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
you brought to birth a new creation.

We give you thanks and praise for making all things new,  
for making *us new* in Christ.

Fill us with the hope and joy of new beginnings.

Touch our hearts with your love  
and form us in the likeness of your Son,  
that we may love as you love us.

Give us the grace to lay down our lives,  
to serve and care for one another,  
to be joyful bearers of your redeeming love  
in all that we say and in all that we do.

We ask all of this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God forever and forever.

Amen.