



Legend of the Dogwood

An old and beautiful legend has it that, at the time of the Crucifixion, the dogwood was comparable in size to the oak tree and other monarchs of the forest. Because of its firmness and strength, it was selected as the timber for the cross, but to be put to such a cruel use greatly distressed the tree.

Sensing this, the crucified Jesus, in His gentle pity for the sorrow and suffering of all, said to it:

"Because of your sorrow and pity for My sufferings, never again will the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross.

Henceforth, it shall be slender, bent and twisted and its blossoms will be in the form of a cross - two long and two short petals. In the center of the outer edge of each petal will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns so that all who see it will remember."



The person who sent this card has made a contribution in your name to the St. Elizabeth Mission Society so that the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany may continue to serve those who are poor in Brazil, Bolivia, Jamaica and the United States.



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"Dogwood Blossom"

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"So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come."

— 2 Corinthians 5:17



May the promise of
Easter
fill you with renewed
Faith, Hope
and Joy . . .



My Easter Gift to You

is a one-year enrollment as a Member of the St. Elizabeth Mission Society, a ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY.

As a Member of the Mission Society, you and your intentions will be remembered at Easter Sunday Mass and in other Masses celebrated throughout the year in the Motherhouse Chapel. You will share in the prayers and good works of our Sisters in Brazil, Bolivia, Jamaica and the United States.

... and may all these
continue to bless you
throughout the year.

HAPPY EASTER!