

# *The Great Invitation.*

*The great privilege of Contemplatives is that we are invited to share first in our own redemption by accepting our personal alienation from God and its consequences throughout our lives, and then to identify with the divine compassion in healing the world through the groaning of the Spirit within us. "The unspeakable groanings of the Spirit" (Romans 8:26), as Paul calls them, are our desires to bring the peace and knowledge of God's love into the world.*



*The love that is the source of those desires is in fact being projected into the world and is secretly healing its wounds.  
We will not know the results of our participation in Christ's redemptive work in this life.  
One thing is certain: by bonding with the crucified One we bond with everyone else, past, present, and to come  
... Centering Prayer presupposes a living faith that the sacred humanity of Jesus contains the fullness of the Godhead.  
Christ leads us to the Father as **he** knows him  
...we participate by grace in Christ's divinity  
... to follow in surrendering to the divine source.  
(Intimacy with God by Fr Thomas Keating)*

*Wishing you all a very Happy Easter  
The Core Team of Contemplative Outreach Ireland*