## Fast & Feast: A Prayer for Lent

The *feast* of the great celebration of Easter is when all is made new, and the comfort that gives us strength during the great 40 day *fast* of Lent.

*Fast* from judging others; *Feast* on the Christ dwelling in them. Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life. Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light. *Fast* from thoughts of illness; *Feast* on the healing power of God. Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify. Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude. Fast from anger; Feast on patience. Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism. Fast from worry; Feast on divine order. *Fast* from complaining; *Feast* on appreciation. Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives. Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer. Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance. Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness. Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others. Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth. Fast from discouragements; Feast on hope. Fast from facts that depress; Feast on verities that uplift. Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm. *Fast* from thoughts that weaken; *Feast* on promises that inspire. Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity. *Fast* from idle gossip; *Feast* on purposeful silence. *Fast* from problems that overwhelm; *Feast* on prayer that strengthens.

