

# CALL FOR ART

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## GRAVES TO GARDENS

**DUE DATE:**  
Thursday, March 14,  
2024 by 4pm.

**Need help?** Please contact me, I am happy to be a sounding board for the whole or any part of your creative process! Also, please let me know what you are creating and how I can be praying for you. I will also send out reminders over the next few months to cheer you on and to persevere in completing your artwork.

— with joy,

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### GETTING STARTED

- **First, pray!** Invite God into the process of your artmaking.

*“God, thank you for making a way for us to have peace with You. Thank You, Jesus, for your mind-boggling, perfect sacrifice and Your love for me. All my faith rests on Your resurrection and conquering of death! I want to create artwork that reflects this incredible, life-changing truth.*

*Lord, please guide me to the idea or image that You want me to focus on for this call to art. I look to You for inspiration. Let this time of creation bring greater depth of knowing You and understanding of how You may want to work with me and through me to share Your resurrection truth with others. Help me to create my best work.*

*I ask for courage to share my artwork with others, that it may bless their lives, enabling a greater worship of You. Amen.”*

#### IDEAS:

**Option 1** is to depict a Biblical scene surrounding Jesus’ resurrection. For example: the empty tomb and Mary with the gardener, the Road to Emmaus, the Ascension, Peter’s reinstatement (see Luke 24, Matthew 28, Mark 16, John 20-21). Consider the different perspectives of characters in these narratives. What did they see, feel, hear, smell, touch?

**Option 2** you are also invited to think beyond illustrating Bible scenes. Consider creating a contemporary representation of resurrection truths, either abstract or representational.

*Ask yourself, what does it mean for you to go from death to life?  
How is your life different when you know and trust Jesus as your Savior?*

#### Check out the following bible passages:

- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Cor. 5:17). ***I am a new creation.***
- He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification (Romans 4:25). ***I am justified by Jesus’ selfless sacrifice.***
- By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. (1 Cor. 6:14) ***I am raised to life with Jesus.***
- Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.... (1 Peter 1:3) ***Jesus gives me new life and hope.***
- He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. (Isaiah 25:8) ***My sin is taken away, and I have peace with God.***
- Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26) ***My life is in Jesus.***
- But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. (Philippians 3:20-21) ***I am being transformed by His power.***
- I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. (Phil. 1:20-21) ***My life in Jesus has purpose.***