

On their way to Emmaus, the two disciples of Jesus were afraid and disheartened because of the event happened in Jerusalem. They were in pain and shattered with the death of Jesus for ***“they were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel... (cf.Lk.24, 21).*** Without noticing, ***“while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him” (cf.Lk.24, 15-16).*** How many times in our life we walk without horizons, preoccupied of the many concerns we have in life that failed us to recognize the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives? Now with the challenge of the pandemic that all of us share and the other more realities we are facing personally, as a family or community and as a nation, may this experienced by the disciples be our very own. Let this gesture of Jesus who ***“drew near and walked with them”*** wipe our tears and rekindle our hope. That death, sickness, loneliness, hunger, war, human trafficking, migrations... doesn't have the last word.

**And in the breaking of the bread... their eyes were opened and they recognized him... so they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem and recount what happened to them... (cf. Lk24, 30-35).** This experienced of the disciples reminds us that God is with us in this tribulation, he hears us, he suffers and cries with us, we are not alone. God loves us, and will never leave us, especially in the most painful event and the Eucharist tells us that. It may open the eyes of our hearts to recognize God's presence, and lead us to get back on the road and proclaim that He is Risen, he is alive.