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### A SEASON OF GRATITUDE

An Easter Message to the University of Ibadan Community

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Easter is here again! And, with it comes a moment to slow down a bit and ponder on one of the important events in history. Easter is about a moment of utter darkness, pain and loss of hope replaced by a moment of unforeseen yet foretold joy. A lot happened between that dark Friday and the glorious Monday that followed it. Behind the scenes, unknown to any mortal, the work of hope and renewal was going on.

Easter reminds us to exercise patience and forbearance in the sometimes dark and uncertain space between where we are and the light at the end of our tunnel. We can be sure that, unknown to us, God's work of hope and renewal is going on. And for this, we should be grateful.

This administration is particularly grateful for the immense cooperation and support which we have received from members of the University of Ibadan community: staff, students, alumni, donors, parents and other stakeholders. With your support, our university has continued to march forward in research and teaching excellence, internationalization, and partnership between town and gown. Without your support, we would have been merely marking time.

On behalf of management, I wish you all happy Easter holidays.

Thank you.

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