



Resurrection

John 14:19: “Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.”

A butterfly garden's purpose is to attract butterflies and to feed them. Most notably in the butterfly garden you are by right now, there are a number of milkweed plants. The milkweed plant is the primary food for a monarch butterfly. The monarch butterfly lays its eggs on a number of different milkweed plants. The eggs hatch and a caterpillar grows. After several molts, the caterpillar attains a length of around 45 mm. After becoming fully grown it leaves the milkweed and becomes a golden-spotted chrysalis. After 10-14 days the chrysalis becomes transparent, and the metamorphosed butterfly's dark body is visible. The adult butterfly comes out of the chrysalis upside down and spends several hours drying, thus becoming a beautiful monarch butterfly.

So why on this prayer trail are we speaking of a butterfly? The butterfly is an Easter symbol. It is a symbol of new life; the changing of a caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly. The Apostle John wrote about the Christian's new life in Jesus when he wrote, **“Because I live, you also will live.” (John 14:19)**

Because we daily sin and fall short of the glory of God, our fate, without God's help would be eternal death. To defeat sin and death, God the Father sent His beloved Son Jesus Christ to go to the cross and die for all of our sin! Through Jesus' holy precious blood, we are forgiven and have everlasting life. Jesus said, **“I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25)** Everlasting life can be found in no one else but Jesus. Even those who die physically in faith will rise again to everlasting life. Physical death is no obstacle to the resurrection. The apostle Paul wrote this, **“For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”** (1 Corinthians 15:22) The Apostle Paul went on to write, **“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”** (1 Corinthians 15:57)

The truth is for those who believe in Jesus Christ. Death has lost its sting. The grave has lost its victory; meaning that if you believe in Jesus Christ you have new life now and will receive it fully on the last day. For that great blessing, all we can say is thank you Lord Jesus. Amen.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for new life in my Lord Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.