



## **DIAKONIA Prayer Letter March 2020**

I just found this meaningful sentence about prayer:

**Prayer does not replace action. But it is an action, that can not be replaced by any other.** (H. v. Keler)

While I am preparing this prayer letter, so many bad news are filling the news on the TV – a massacre in a Shisha-Bar in Hanau, Germany, escalating fights in Syria, grasshopper plague in Kenia, riots in Iraq during election, danger of a pandemic through Corona virus....

Fear fills my heart as I watch and listen to so much hatred, racism, disaster.

We just started lent season, fasting time for many Christians all over the world.

The German churches each year prepare a theme: Seven weeks without...

**2020: seven weeks confidence – without pessimism.**

Not being pessimistic in view of all that I mentioned before; is that possible?

It is, as Paul points out in his letter to the Corinthians that in Jesus` suffering, death and resurrection there is faith, hope, love – everlasting live!

What we, what the world needs is this kind of confidence that grows out of faith, hope and love. Pessimism is a sure problem and never leads to a solution. It only leads deeper into frustration, hopelessness, depression. During my visits to Rwanda I experience, how this principle of confidence, faith, hope and love a nation changes and renews.

Look up, have confidence, trust and know that in Christ Jesus all things are possible!

**Be confident and strong.**

**May this lent season fill us with confidence and trust.**

A song about confidence and trust. M. Ledner

You are my hiding place  
You always fill my heart  
With songs of deliverance  
Whenever I am afraid  
I will trust in You  
Let the weak say I am strong  
In the strength of the Lord

Sr. Doris Horn, Germany, former DIAKONIA President