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Message of Hope: The cross of our Lord Jesus Christ

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's Message of Hope, I would like to do something special, and want to make an Origami Cross with you all. During the pandemic, as everyone is staying at home, I have started a YouTube channel, teaching one Origami a day for 40 days from February till April, trying to provide some activities for kids and parents to do at home. Today I will teach you how to make an Origami Cross, a very simple one, all you need is a folding paper, or you could use a twenty-dollar bill.

Steps to follow:

1. Divide the folding paper in half or use a \$20 note.
2. On the back of the paper, fold it in half by bringing the longer sides together.
3. Unfold the paper and fold it in half again by bringing the shorter sides together.
4. Unfold the paper and fold the shorter sides to the middle.
5. Unfold the paper and fold the longer sides to the middle.
6. Fold the paper along the longer sides into three identical sections.
7. Unfold the paper and you will see four square along the long side.
8. Divide the second square (from either side) of the paper into three parts.
9. Fold upper crease of the second square down, and the lower crease of the second square up.
10. You will now have a beam on the front.
11. To shorten the length at the top and bottom, first fold the bottom side to the middle at the back.
12. Then fold the top side to the middle.
13. At the back of the cross, fold one side to the middle along the crease at the top part of the cross.
14. Make a triangle along the side of the middle part.
15. The same for the other side.
16. Flip the bottom part up.
17. Fold both side to the middle along the crease at the bottom part of the cross, and as well made two triangles at the middle part.
18. Then the Origami Cross is done.

The cross of our Lord Jesus Christ marks the center of our Christian Faith. For me it signifies one important thing, which is about the suffering of Christ. On the Cross, Jesus, bearing our sin, asks God:

'My God My God why have you forsaken me?' Sometimes during the worrying moment of our lives, we might ask God this question, why have you forsaken us. So Jesus on the cross is actually going through the same experience we have during this time. Jesus, as son of God is not only suffering for us, but he is suffering with us. He is the God who is willing to walk with us, to experience our suffering, having compassion for everyone of us so that during any moments of our lives, we are not going through it alone. Jesus is always by our side, willingly to help us and listen to our prayers. As he is the God who is willing to die for us on the cross.

So may cross of our Lord Jesus Christ give you comfort and courage in any time of your life.

May the Lord bless you all! Amen.