make all things new

Lord of Easter,
We thank you for the special gifts of
grace you give to women
The last witnesses to the Crucifixion
The first witnesses to the Resurrection
For in you, the last indeed become the first
Making all things new.

And so we pray, Make all things new:

For the girl child, denied her birthright,

Make all things new.

For the school-aged girl, denied her education,

Make all things new.

For the child bride, denied her girlhood,

Make all things new.

For the victim of sexual exploitation, denied her dignity,

Make all things new.

For the enslaved or trafficked woman, denied her freedom.

Make all things new.

For the pregnant woman, denied access to care as she prepares to deliver her child,

Make all things new.

For the mother, denied an opportunity to feed her children,

Make all things new.

For the refugee woman, denied her home.

Make all things new.

For the sick woman, denied care for a treatable disease.

Make all things new.

For the woman threatened by war or disaster, denied safety,

Make all things new.

For the elderly woman, denied an honored place in society, *Make all things new.*

For the dying woman, denied a final stage in life worthy of her full human dignity,

Make all things new.

Lord, it was the love of your mother that opened the door for your coming into this world,
Her blessed Yes allowing the Holy Spirit's work to be fulfilled
And history was changed forever.
May our hearts become like hers,
That you may come among us anew.

And for this we pray,

Make all things new.

Amen.

