
"Let the holiness of God shine forth" (cf. Mt 5, 16)



Dear friends, Christmas is a time to celebrate **new life**, and hence a time of rejoicing. New life gives rise to a **renewed hope**, regardless of the many signs of death and destruction around us. The reason for our celebration, for our rejoicing and our hoping is the birth of Jesus, "**Immanuel: God-with-us**"....

Christmas is also a time to express gratitude to God for the **gift of His Son**. Likewise it is also the moment to think of each other lovingly and with gratitude because **each person is indeed a gift of God**....

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a New Year 2017 filled with God's blessings,

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