

CHRISTMAS 2022

Christmas – eagerly awaited?

Or is time running short, it's too soon? Or are you approaching Christmas with concern?

All these feelings are justified and understandable!

It is about a birth that we commit and celebrate at Christmas. The birth of a baby is always associated with longing expectation, with the feeling that there is not enough time to prepare oneself and with an anxious, tense view of the event!

God became man - 2000 years ago - in Jesus Christ. Christmas is the worldwide birthday celebration of Jesus, a celebration of remembrance: God is not only the distant almighty creator of the universe; God is not like a puppeteer, and we are not just his puppets by strings. God wants to be so close to his creation and his creatures that he himself becomes human - in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. This marks a turning point in our history. In Jesus, God speaks directly to us in a human way.



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BUT for us Christians it is even more! Jesus says: I am with you always, until the end of the world. Christmas as the birth festival of Jesus is always in presence. This year, today and at every moment, Jesus wants to be born into our world, in which we live, which we shape, which carries us.

The photo shows the message of Christmas: the new born Jesus in the mulched manger lies in the lights of our cities and the silhouettes of our church towers.

This photo represents a message to our fellows, and it is an invitation for

us to prayer during the Christmas season:

You, Christ child, should find a place in my living spaces and relationships. You, Jesus, may be a GUIDE on my path through life, into the world and the innermost part of my soul. With you, Jesus, I want to leave MARKS that bear witness to peace, mindfulness, and love. With you, Jesus, I want to find and make the big and small DECISIONS in my everyday life. Amen.

I wish everyone the tangible blessing of the Christ child during the Christmas season and into the new calendar year of 2023.

Pax et bonum!

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