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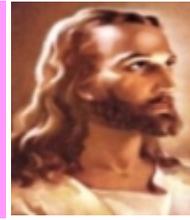
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**" humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that at the proper time he may exalt you." (1 Peter 5:6)**

# BLESSINGS OF GOD BE YOURS...



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**“ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” ( Psalm 119:105)**

**Father God Yaweh , I praise You ! I worship You O holy One ! O Omnipotent God, I adore You ! You are the head of my household ! I Thank You and praise You Lord, for You lead me on !  
All my toil would be in vain if You were not to build up my house !**

**But Lord God, You save and uphold my cause . I surrender my all, my family, my plans, my yearnings, my dreams and my self, to You.O God ! I rise up early in the day and fall prostrate in worship at Your feet.  
Lord come to my aid, for I bear Your Word when I walk outside. May IT be a light and a lamp , showing me the way and lighting my path.**

**O My God, hold my hands and lead me on day after day. Fulfill my dreams in Your special way O God.**



**Lord grant me Your child victory, in Your way and gladden my heart.**

**I praise You with all my heart. For all the wonders You perform I Thank You. Lord perform on my behalf. I, Your servant praise and glorify You !  
Thank You my God ! Thank You for leading me on ! Lead me everyday of my life. AMEN ! ALLELUIA !**

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# BELOVED IN CHRIST...



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**“What fellowship is there between light and darkness?” ( II Corinthians 6:14)**



**There is a show of electric lights, decorative lamps galore all over, to celebrate the birth of Jesus! We thus show everyone that Jesus is the Light , and that this God who is Light dwells among us. This is a great truth of course.**

**“ I will live in them and walk among them, And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” ( II Corinthians 6:16) ( Leviticus 26:12)**

**When we are one intertwined with Christ, we remain a new creation, as a witness to the truth. When we live relying on Jesus Christ the Light, (John 12: 36) we will not be dependant on the world. When the worldly desire of making money takes control of some one, then that wish separates the person away from Jesus and thrusts him/her into darkness. A very close apostle of Jesus, named Judas, had the ‘money box’ with him. ( John 13:29) Due to the attachment towards money, he accepted money even to betray Jesus and planned towards it.**

**“ So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.” ( John 13:30)**

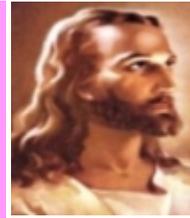
**Judas who went apart from Jesus, walked in darkness.**

**That is why St. Paul asks, “What fellowship is there between light and darkness?” He tells us that there is no agreement between Christ and satan. We cannot search for light inside darkness. If Christ is the truth, then as a witness to the truth which is Light, we should lead lives filled with patience and abounding in love. This is the message revealed by our Blessed Mother at Medjugorje.**

**May our life this whole year be a witness to the truth, walking in the path of abounding love , walking in the light of Jesus. I wish you Joy.**

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# GOD WHO LONGS TO COMMUNE WITH HIS PEOPLE



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When we hear of Christ's birth, joy escalates everywhere! New dresses! Holidays ! Gift articles !A sumptuous feast ! And many more joyous occasions trail behind ! Even those of non- Christian faith enjoy hanging the 'Happy Christmas' star around their houses !In the churches and in their houses, the Christians decorate the 'Christmas cribs' and remember the infant Jesus born for us.

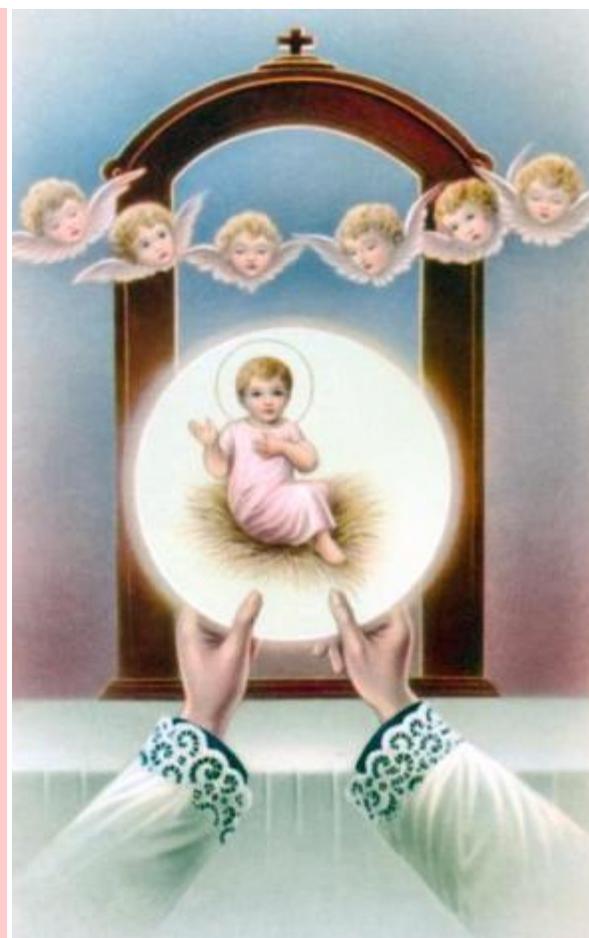
As we see Baby Jesus on Mother Mary's lap, we also see Joseph depicted standing close by. Not just that, we also see the animals, like cows, donkeys, camels and sheep, the shepherds, and their care-takers close by. And of course there are the three wise men from the East. They carry in their hands, gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for Baby Jesus. And above the cribs, are the celestial angels , announcing the good news as they fly over: "Glory to God in the Highest and peace to men of good will!"

This Christmas message reveals the intimate relationship between God and humanity and the goodness that comes in as a result of it .God meets human kind in the very same human form. When human beings realize this great truth and live in union with God, they attain fullness and joy.

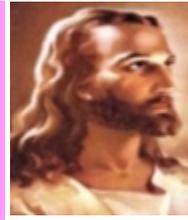
From the very beginning, God speaks and communes with the people. Myriad are the beauties of nature! They sing the praises of God !God has been speaking and has been in communion with the people through our ancestors, wise people, and through the prophets.

But now when we think of "Christ's birth", we see a God who relates with His people in such a mysterious way, in a manner beyond human comprehension and imagination, in a way that is " possible only with God". "The Word that was always God", appears, taking on the form which is easily visible to the human eye. And this is our " Baby Jesus". God has come down to stay with human beings , taking the form of flesh! This is the Christian faith.

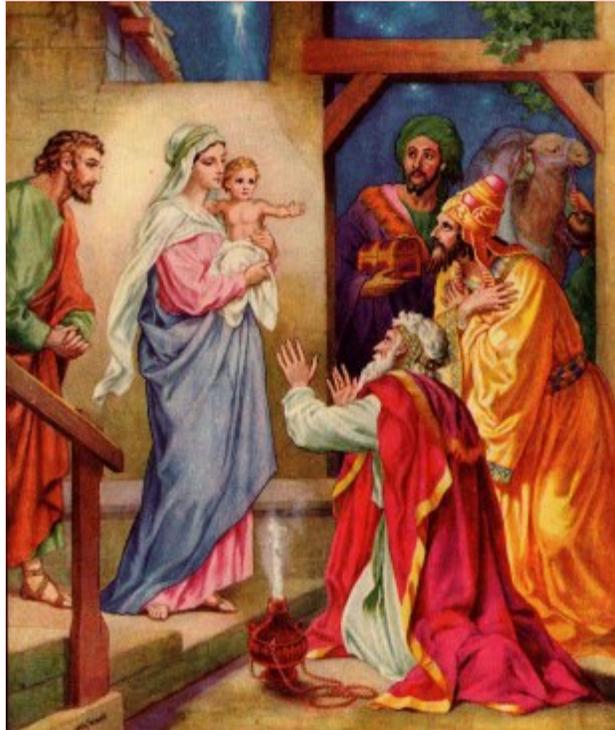
By the power of the Holy Spirit, Mother Mary conceived The Word in Her womb and gave birth to a Son. The Bible says, " they wrapped the baby in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger." He has come as Life and as Life breath to all those who breathe on this earth.The invisible God has taken on a visible form. He dwells and relates with the human beings. He abolishes the yearnings and the thirst of the human beings and grants them Redemption and increase.



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He invites human beings to be in relationship with Him. Although He was God, He renounced it to be with us, and was born as a babe in all simplicity. People are invited to forego their hardness of heart, and are invited to come and pay respects to Him in all simplicity and in holiness. May all those who relate and commune with Him, be filled with peace in their hearts.

The offerings given by the three wise men who came to see Baby Jesus:

1. Gold 2. Frankincense and 3 myrrh.

Gold stands for Christ's kingship, frankincense for His divinity and myrrh for that He is made flesh as Man.

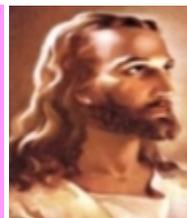
Christ came as King into this earth. The wise men sought Baby Jesus who was born as the King of the Jews.

During His last days, when Jesus was hung on the cross, they hung a slab stating, " He is Jesus the king of the Jews." Pilate who sentenced Jesus to death, repeatedly asked Him, " Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied Him saying, " My Kingship is not like the world offers .... Those who belong to the truth listen to my voice." Hence as the angels proclaimed , His rule will be on those who belong to Him and peace will reign in their hearts. Frankincense denotes the divine nature of Jesus. Thus they call Him, The Son of God or God's Son with divine nature. The Virgin Mother conceived Him by the power of the Holy Spirit. Accepting the message of the Angel that " Nothing is impossible with God", the Virgin Mary pondered and accepted these words saying, " Behold the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to Your Word ." This is the most fitting sacrifice to God who relates with human beings.

There is no necessity to examine and explore God's deeds and Words that are beyond human comprehension. It is impossible as well. Our Virgin Mother is a perfect example to the faithful who commune with God. So too did the wise men find Jesus on the lap of His Mother.

Myrrh is a scented product. It symbolizes the human nature of Jesus. Although Jesus is God, He renounced His Godhead and embraced the human form. And in His human form , He gave up His Body as a sacrificial offering to God on Calvary. According to the Christian tradition, it was only in His human Body that He offered the entire human race to God as the High priest to all the priests who sacrificed themselves.

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**This is how the figures of the three wise men denote the three-fold characteristics of Jesus Christ.**

**He is King, the mighty Lord of heaven and of the earth. He Is God, He is the Everlasting Word , who dwells one with the Father for all eternity.**

**John writes that it was through Him, that everything was created. "All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being." ( John 1:3)**

**He is a priest. He is the One who gave His own body to God as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of humanity.**

**That was why He called the people saying, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;" (John 6:54)**



**The Birth of Jesus, His life and His sacrifice is a call given to us human beings by God.**

**" Ho, every one who thirsts, come to the waters;" the words of prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 55:1) is the call given by Jesus the Son of God, to the human race.**

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