



Mary gave birth; she gave us Jesus, the Light of the world. A simple story that plunges us into the event that changes our history for ever. Everything that night became a source of hope

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The faith we proclaim makes us see God present in all those situations where we think he is absent. He is present in the unwelcomed visitor, often unrecognisable, who walks through our cities and our neighbourhoods, who travels on our buses and knocks on our doors.

In this Child, God invites us to be messengers of hope. He invites us to become sentinels for all those bowed down by the despair born of encountering so many closed doors. In this Child, God makes us agents of his hospitality.

Pope Francis

***We open our eyes to see the mystery of faith
and we claim the promise of Emmanuel, "God with us."***

We remember that Jesus was born in a manger, and walked as a humble suffering Saviour.

Lord, help us to share the love of God with everyone we encounter, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and stand against injustice and oppression.

We pray for the ending of war and for peace in the world.

We thank you for our family and friends, and for the many blessings we have received.

We rejoice today with the best gifts of hope, peace, joy and the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Amen.