



Meglio accendere una luce che maledire l'oscurità

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Dear friends of Faith and Light,

at the beginning of his Gospel, St. John speaks of Jesus and his birth as a light that comes into the world to enlighten everyone, to bring light to every creature: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world (Jn 1:9). Even Jesus of himself says: I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness. (Jn 12:46).

Light is all the more necessary the more we find ourselves immersed in darkness, when darkness prevents us from seeing clearly and being able to walk in the right direction. Also the prophet Isaiah had foretold a great light, which would have lightened the people, bringing joy: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing (Is 9: 1-2).

But what kind of darkness is it? It is the darkness of solitude and suffering, the darkness of exclusion and poverty, of violence and war; the darkness of those who do not feel loved because they are different, foreign, fragile. Jesus comes to bring us a new vision of the person and of society, of which today we have extreme need, he reminds us that we are loved and that nobody is forgotten by God: this is really the heart of the gospel, this is the good news!

Faith and Light our motto is: better turn on a light than curse the darkness. The Christmas of the Lord then becomes for us all a gift and a task: a gift so that we can welcome the light of Jesus, so that it may light up our darkness and give us the joy of his presence next to us; a task because we can bring its light to those who still today are walking in darkness, to those who live in a land without light and without hope.

Give us Lord your light and your joy, renew hope in all our communities and in every land of darkness, so that you may come and live among us.

Merry Christmas of the Lord! Don Marco