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DEEPER FAITH IN GOD

In 2024, Pope Francis opened the Jubilee of Hope, with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." The late Pope Francis wanted us to lead to a journey of hope to "restore a climate of hope and trust" so that every believer (or even those who do not truly believe) may gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart, and a far-sighted vision." This message of hope is what so many of us need.

The Prophet Isaiah said: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." In a very dark world we are living in, we do not lose hope because the Star of Bethlehem will light our way and guide us in our journey.

The circumstances of the First Christmas were very much similar to what is happening to us today. During those days, there were longings for freedom and redemption from evil. That first Christmas was dark, it was



night, but in the midst of darkness, the LIGHT was born, and HOPE was born. And God, who is EMMANUEL came close to us. He lives in our midst. His living with us gives us HOPE, and PEACE, and JOY that will lead to a deeper FAITH in Him our God and Redeemer.

As we conclude the Holy Year of Hope, may the child Jesus make us agents of Hope and heralds of Joy in our families and communities. May we always feel His presence in our life, not only this Christmas, but all the days of our life.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL!