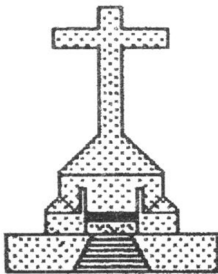


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OUR LADY'S MESSAGE—To the World

Given 25th December 2023 to Marija Pavlovic



“Dear children! I am carrying my Son Jesus to you to fill your hearts with peace, because He is peace. Little children, seek Jesus in the silence of your heart that He be born anew. The world needs Jesus, therefore seek Him through prayer, because He gives Himself daily to each of you.”

Today Our Lady came solemnly dressed with little Jesus in her arms. Jesus extended His hand in a sign of blessing as Our Lady prayed over us in Aramaic.

Reflection by Fr. Martin Morris

Spiritual Director of Medjugorje Centre NE

Dear Brother's and Sister's of Medjugorje North East and beyond, on Christmas day Our Lady came to us carrying her Son Jesus .

The image of Our Lady carrying our Saviour, the Prince of Peace is traditionally known as “Theotokos” or ‘God-bearer.’ The Council of Ephesus, 431, decreed that Mary is the ‘*Theotokos*’ because Jesus her Son is both God and man, one divine person from two natures, human and divine, hypostatically united.

Our Lady came to us at Christmas, as Mother with Child, to remind us of the great dignity God has bestowed upon humanity in the outpouring of his love for us in Christ Jesus.

Mary is the Mother of God, and Jesus her Son is the only Salvation of mankind, and Mary is the Mother of the Saviour, who at the same time is her child. Our Lady is the Mother of the Everlasting Incarnate Word and the Mother of the Messiah, announced by the angels to the Shepherds,

“For today in the city of David a Saviour has been born to you who is Messiah and Lord.” (LK: 2:11) ”

“ I am carrying my Son Jesus to you to fill your hearts with peace, because He is peace.”

God is peace, and all who draw near Him receive peace. When Our Lady carries Jesus her Child to us she does so because God in his goodness wishes to share himself with us. In this image of Our Lady bringing us the ‘Prince of Peace’ we see the full outpouring of his merciful love for humanity. Our Lady is full of ‘*grace*’ - completely full of God’s Life and Love, she can only share with us what she has received. That is why she ‘*carries*’ Jesus her Son to us, that we might open our hearts to the peace of our Saviour. Our Lady wants our hearts to be filled with peace, with the peace of her Son. All of the world’s suffering comes from a lack of peace in the human heart. Since we are all God’s creatures, He is the source of life for each one of us.

To distance oneself from God means to be without true life, and soon as we find ourselves distanced from God we feel a lack of peace. This is where the world finds itself today – without true peace. This can only be overcome by everyone opening their hearts to the Christ Child, who comes to us in the arms of Our Lady, the Prince of peace.

“God alone is enough,” said St. Teresa of Avila, emphasizing that if God is first in our lives then we become peace for others. So at the start of the new year, we need to decide for peace, by opening our hearts to God with humble surrender. ***“Little Children, seek Jesus in the silence of your heart that He be borne anew.”***

“In the beginning was the word, and the Word was with God.” (Jn: 1:1.)

God was the word, and He was in silence. Every good word is borne of silence. Jesus was the word, and he was in silence. If we meditate on the Gospels, we see how often Jesus went to a silent place for prayer with his Father. We see how Jesus performed his miracles in silence without words. The word wished to be in silence as every peace is borne in silence. So let us cultivate silence in our lives. It may be at Eucharistic Adoration, in a quiet space at home in the early morning, or at night, but Our Lady tells us that we shall find Jesus in the silence of our hearts, where He will be borne anew.

“How silently, how silently the wondrous gifts are given.” The gifts of the Spirit!

“The world needs Jesus, therefore seek him through prayer, because God gives himself daily to each of you.”

Jesus is the True life that enlightens all men. (Jn: 1: 4) and Our Lady carries Him to us, so that we may come closer to His love. This is the only wish and goal of Our Lady’s apparitions in Medjugorje.

The world has lost Jesus, it’s peace, and Mary is showing us the way. So let us decide for prayer each day, each in the silence of our hearts make a renewed effort to spend time generously with the Lord. Our Lady has given us the five stones of Medjugorje, i.e. Rosary, Holy Mass, Holy Scripture, Confession and Fasting. Time spent in prayer is never wasted because Our Lady tells us, it is the means by which God gives himself to us each day.

God Bless, and every Grace for the New Year, **Fr. Martin**

Pray, fast and confess regularly. If receiving my Son in the Eucharist is the centre of your life, then do not be afraid, you can do everything.

June 2, 2012

THE ‘FIVE STONES’ OF MEDJUGORJE

1. PRAYER (Rosary)
2. FASTING (Wednesday & Friday)
3. HOLY SCRIPTURE. (daily reading)
4. CONFESSION, monthly at least.
5. EUCHARIST, Frequent celebration



HIS WORDS.
YOUR JOURNEY.
TOGETHER.

"The Mother's silence is a beautiful feature. It is not a simple absence of words, but a silence filled with wonder and adoration for the wonders that God is working. "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart", Saint Luke notes. (Lk:2:19). In this way she makes room within herself for the One who was born; in silence and adoration, she places Jesus at the centre and bears witness to Him as Saviour."

Pope Francis

Let us pray with the Holy Father:

**Prayer Intention for
JANUARY 2024**

**‘For the gift of
Diversity in the Church’**



“

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

”

Pope Francis

At the Angelus prayer on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Pope Francis recalls that love should be filled with kindness and respect, never seeking to dominate those we love. (Extract)

Pope Francis prayed the traditional noon-day prayer of the Angelus on Monday 1st January 2024, as the Church celebrated the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the 57th World Day of Peace.

In his reflection ahead of the Marian prayer, the Pope encouraged Christians to place the New Year under the “caring gaze” of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

He noted that the day’s Gospel reading depicts Mary as remaining **“in a silence filled with wonder and adoration for the marvels that God is performing,”** as the shepherds come to worship her Son, Jesus.

In conclusion

“May Mother of God and our Mother, in the new year, help us to grow in this gentle, silent, and discreet love that generates life, and open paths in the world for peace and reconciliation.”



REPORT FROM SISTER EMMANUEL

of The Community of The Beatitudes

www.sremmanuel.org

Medjugorje, December 19, 2023

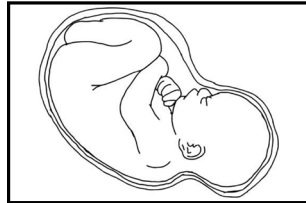
Dear Friends, praise be to Jesus and Mary!

1. Children know. An Italian priest, both a parish priest and an exorcist, told me that a woman asked him to bless the child she was carrying in her womb (PS1). He was very pleased with this request, because although such a blessing is a source of much grace, few mothers think to ask for it. While pronouncing the blessing, the priest placed his hand on the stomach of this woman, and immediately the child began to jump and kick as if he wanted to connect with the priest's hand and eagerly capture every drop of the blessing he was receiving.

The Magisterium of the Church states that, from the moment of conception in the mother's womb, the child receives his soul from the Creator. It is truly a new creation, so beautiful that the Angels look on in admiration. As tiny as this child's body may be, his soul is already totally present. This soul, newly released from the hands of the Creator, is endowed with a great sensitivity to divine things and, in particular, with a deep "consciousness of love". Of course, the child does not have a brain yet, nor the use of reason in order to understand, as he will later on, but he has a "spiritual antenna" that allows him to acutely perceive certain realities. For instance, how his mother is welcoming him. Is she

happy to give birth to a child, or is she unhappy with this pregnancy? The consequences will be quite different for the child's future.

In the case at hand, I believe that the child, thanks to his deep consciousness of love, perceived the approaching grace offered by the divine blessing through the priest, so much so that his mother was deeply moved. The priest told me that he had experienced this type of grace several times.



2. I was once in Mauritius on a mission. A local gentleman, who is a friend of mine invited me to speak to the employees of his company, where people of various religions: Christians, Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus worked. They lived together in harmony. After sharing some key messages from Our Lady, my friend, the Director of this company, asked me to pray for all employees who wanted a prayer. Almost everyone chose to stay. After the prayer, a woman came up to me and asked me to pray to the Blessed Mother of Medjugorje for the child she was carrying within her. This woman was Muslim. Therefore, I prayed for her, for her child and for a happy birth.

She then took my hand and placed it on her stomach. Immediately, the same thing happened. The child began to beat its head against my hand forcefully... His mother felt it as well as I did. This experience was a great gift from Heaven for her, and a wonderful opportunity to rejoice for the life of her child.



3. Jesus hidden in Mary. In these days leading up to Christmas, I cannot help but imagine Baby Jesus in His Mother's womb. What was He experiencing? How did He feel? Of course, this remains His secret. But to dwell in the womb of Mary, all-pure, all-loving, all-filled with the Holy Spirit, is that not living in Paradise on earth? Jesus was never so safe as in Mary's womb, just as the divine Son is in the Father's bosom.

During his physical growth in the maternal womb, the child draws from his mother's blood everything he needs in order to grow. Slowly but surely, he siphons the elements he needs, not wondering whether his mother is tired or sick. For the child, this is vital. From his mother's blood, the child will take minerals, vitamins, oxygen, proteins, carbohydrates, fats, lactose, Omega, etc. Nature has got it so right.

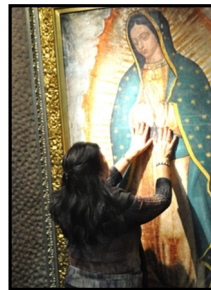
But what the child will take from his mother goes way beyond all these physical elements. Mysteriously, and thanks to his *consciousness of love*, the child will vibrate with her and feel what is happening in her heart and in her mind. If mothers only knew the good they can do to their unborn child....

And Mary, how did she experience awaiting her Child, hidden within her as in the most beautiful tabernacle in the world? She gave everything of herself and did not stop praying, in deep contemplation before the divine mystery she bore. From the conception of Jesus, she began a dialogue with Him, a dialogue that would never end and that blossomed into eternity. The Magnificat testifies to this, sung at Elizabeth's home just a few days after the Annunciation.
(PS 2)



What about us, the children that Jesus gave to her from the cross, though John, the apostle? What is our share in the motherhood of the Blessed Mother, we who are born of a mother who had her richness's and weaknesses, her qualities and her defects, her tenderness and her lack of tenderness?

A message that enlightens and delights us is when Mary said in Medjugorje: **"Dear children, I love each one of you as much as I love my Son Jesus."** And also: "Dear children, just as I bore the Child Jesus in my womb, so do I want to carry each of you on the path of salvation." (25/03/1990)



In one of his homilies, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux develops this beautiful thought that, while we are on earth, we are not born yet. We are born when we enter Heaven. **On earth, we are carried in the womb of the Mother of God.**

If an ordinary mother has such an influence on the child she carries, can we imagine what our Heavenly Mother gives us when we choose to devote ourselves to her? When we decide to belong entirely to her and live within her? Mary places everything she has at our disposal. Her kindness, her benevolence, her beauty, her peace, her love, her tenderness, her strength, her courage, her light, her purity, even her intimacy with the Heavenly Father to whom she introduces us... St Louis Marie de Montfort said:

"Oh. How happy we are when we have given everything to Mary... We are all Mary's and Mary is all ours."

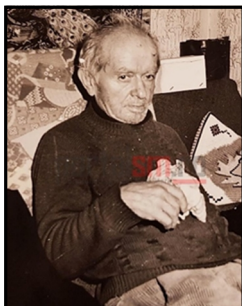
And Little Flower, Therese of Lisieux: **"The treasure of the mother belongs to the child."**

To live within Mary is to be nourished and protected, because then we escape the eyes of the enemy and his satanic attacks. He cannot destroy us when we journey with her .

4. How to live within Mary's womb today, in this society that has chosen death? Her messages, over the span of 42 years, teach us this. **The first thing to do is to ask her,** very simply: **"Mary, make me live in your maternal womb,** hidden within you." Then, we should often ask ourselves the following question: "At this moment, what would our Lady do in my place? What would she say to this person? **How can I please her?"** And gradually, with all of our good will, we will adjust to her motherly mind and heart, and this will enable her to guide us in everything and bend our will towards God's plan for us, which is unique for every person. A magnificent intimacy will then be created between her and us, and we will overcome the obstacles of this life with serenity. We will walk hand in hand with her, quietly, but surely, strengthened through her power of intercession in our favor.

She will invite us into the embrace of her Son Jesus, which is the primary purpose of her coming to Medjugorje. We are all invited. **"You are all my children."** she tells us.

5. Who knows Brother Mihai (Michael) Neamtu, from Romania? (1924-2000).



I met him at his home in 1999. **He was a powerful prophet**, endowed with great intimacy with Jesus, Mary, the saints and the angels of Heaven, with whom he often conversed. Like Saint Hildegard, he had received an infused knowledge of plants and their therapeutic virtues. His cause for beatification has already been opened in Rome. Before the Christmas celebration, I would like to quote a fact he told his spiritual children that moved me deeply and that will give joy to us all.

One day, Brother Mihai was going to Mass with Father Gherasim in a nearby village, for confession, to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. **On the way, they met Moses and Elijah**, the same famous ones who appeared with Jesus on the day of the Transfiguration.

Once they got to the front of the church, Brother Mihai and Father Gherasim wanted to go in first. But Moses and Elijah stopped them, saying, “No, you must come in after us, because we in Heaven are greater than you.”

After participating in the Mass, going to confession and receiving Communion, when they crossed the threshold of the church, Brother Mihai and Father Gherasim let Moses and Elijah go in front of them. But Moses and Elijah objected, saying, “No, this time you walk before us. Because now you are as pure and holy as Jesus is right now in Heaven.” And Brother Mihai, in his great love for Jesus, forcefully emphasized:

“Whoever confesses and receives Communion is as pure and holy as Jesus in Heaven is at that time.”

After this event, Brother Mihai urged his spiritual sons to tell everyone about this event with Moses and Elijah, as it is so important to know.

These words surprised me as much as they moved me. How is it that after Confession and Holy Communion, I could be as pure and holy as Jesus is pure and holy in heaven? I have questioned several priests, and all are unanimous; **IT IS** theologically TRUE. Indeed, when we receive Holy Communion, (of course in a state of grace and without deliberate attachment to sin), Jesus transforms us into Himself, and we are *like Him* because we become divinized.

As we prepare to receive the Child God in our hearts at Christmas, how can we not desire to make a good and sincere confession, and then fervently receive Communion? How can we not desire to live this divine purity of heart that will delight the Child Jesus within us, and be the joy of His Mother?

Dearest Gospa, the treasures you have for us are beyond what we imagine. Help us seize this time of grace and live this most beautiful Christmas with you, because you are here with us, Jesus is here, Joseph is here, all three are very real... Happy to be together under the gaze of the Father who gives us His Son.

Sister Emmanuel,
Community of the Beatitudes

PS1. Highly recommended blessing for children in their mother's womb:

“Lord God, author of all life, we ask you to bless this unborn child. Please grant him your constant protection and a happy birth as a sign of our rebirth one day, in order to enjoy eternal life in heaven.”

PS2. “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...”

December 25, 2023 Our Lady's Annual Message to Jakov



At the last daily apparition to Jakov Colo on September 12th, 1998, Our Lady told him that henceforth he would have one apparition a year, every December 25th, on Christmas Day. This is also how it was this year.

The apparition began at 2:20 pm and lasted 6 minutes. Our Lady came with little Jesus in her arms. Through Jakov, Our Lady gave the following message:

“Dear children, today with my Son in my arms, I desire to call all of you to pray to the little Jesus for the healing of your heart. Children, often in your hearts sin rules which destroys your life and you can not feel God's presence. That is why, on this day of grace, when grace is spreading throughout the whole world, surrender your life and your heart to the Lord, so that the Lord may heal them with His grace. Only with pure hearts will you be able to experience the birth of Jesus anew in you, and the light of His birth will illuminate your life. I bless you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Jakov's mission is to **'Pray for the sick'**

Three Hours with Our Lady on Apparition Hill

(Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen)

Reflection by Cathy Nolan

Dear Family of Mary,

On Sunday, December 31, after her daily apparition, Marija told us that Our Lady invited everyone to climb Apparition Hill at 3:00 pm the next day, to pray for three hours for Our Lady's intentions and to welcome her when she came for Marija's daily apparition. Word spread like wild fire throughout Medjugorje! And at 3:00 pm on New Year's Day, Apparition Hill was covered with pilgrims and parishioners from Medjugorje. It was breathtaking!!

But the best news for all of us who were not in Medjugorje was that Marija allowed Mary TV to stream the entire event. I am told there were viewers from all over the world connected through Mary TV. Mary TV had three cameras ready to capture the entire prayer time for all of us who were not in Medjugorje! It seemed that we were actually there. And we had the best seat of all!

The prayer consisted of all 4 mysteries of the Rosary. And between the decades, we sang beautiful and joyful music together. Three hours went by in a flash. We were carried along in our prayer by Our Lady, who was truly present. You could feel her joy even through the internet.

But the event was not easy. It rained for the first 2 and 1/2 hours, though the weather report had not predicted rain. It rained very hard. Everyone was soaked by the end. But when it was time for Our Lady to appear, the rain subsided. Our Lady came as

usual, at 5:40 pm. And we could view Marija as she encountered Our Lady. Marija was radiant and at peace!

After Our Lady departed Marija described their encounter:

"During the moment of the apparition, Our Lady came joyfully. She prayed over us. And at the end, she said,

'Thank you for having responded to my call and for praying for my intentions. You will not regret it, neither you, nor your children, nor your children's children.'

And she blessed us all." (January 1, 2024 Marija)

I could feel the blessing from Our Lady even from so far away. It was a joyous and hope-filled time of prayer with such a wonderful gift at the end. Our Lady came! And she blessed us! And she thanked us! And she told us that the grace we received would not only be for us, but for our children and our grandchildren. Imagine that!

The entire three hours of prayer are recorded and available on Mary TV's website at this link:

<https://marytv.tv/marijas-apparitions/?smid=O7FLA2sDOqn&slid=9D8LTQ8sm0U>

What a wonderful way to begin the New Year. Three hours of prayer with Our Lady.

With Our Lady, 2024 is going to be a beautiful surprise.

In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.
Cathy Nolan

(c) Mary TV 2024

Christmas greeting from the Apostolic Visitor with a special role for the parish of Medjugorje, Archbishop Aldo Cavalli

(date: 24.12.2023.)



Thank God, we celebrate the event of Christmas again this year.

Christmas, which makes us live and experience, and reflect on the God who made himself one of us. The Word became flesh, meaning: God became one of us.

Many Christians throughout the centuries have asked themselves:

- *Why did God become one of us,*
- *Why did God become a real man,*
- *Why did God become a real man in Jesus of Nazareth, Why?*

We must look for the answer to this deep question in what God himself tells us. He tells us two profound reasons in answer to this question. Why did God make himself one of us? God therefore tells us: because of love, because of love and pure love. God, says the Revelation, loved us, the men and women of this world, so much that He wanted to come among us, become one of us and announce who He was – God – He is love.

The Revelation points us to another profound, deep answer and says: look how you have so many good things

and so many limitations in this world, you do so many good things and so many sins. Do you know what I am about to do? I will send my Son to take upon himself all of your sins, all, all of the sins of the world, absolutely all. I will allow Him to go to the cross and give everything on the cross out of love for you. It is in giving all of himself that the end of His earthly life will come. And when He died, He caused all your sins to die in Him. He justified you. God made himself one of us in order to justify us, to make us justified before Him, justified in His Son. This is a very deep question that many Christians have asked.

Why did the Word become flesh?

This means: why did God become one of us?

He made himself one of us because He loves us, loves us, loves us with eternal love.

He became one of us to take my sins, your sins, the sins of the world and destroy them so that we can live again justified, righteous before Him.

Merry Christmas everyone, merry Christmas to all the people. May God, who is love, continue to deeply love and justify us.

Merry Christmas
Mgr. Aldo Cavalli



**Christmas greetings from
Medjugorje Parish Priest
Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić
(Extract)**

Dear brothers and sisters!

Let us make our way to the manger, together with St. Francis of Assisi, with tears in our eyes, let us thank the Lord for becoming one of us, for being incarnated in order to redeem us. When St. Francis prepared a nativity scene in Greccio, then at the end he pointed to the altar and they celebrated the Christmas mass: there is Jesus, there He is being born again and again, there he attends us. Every Eucharist contains the Joy of Christmas, the Joy and Strength of Salvation.

Therefore, this Christmas, let us all Joyfully celebrate the Eucharist, let us sing to Our Lord, Honour the Holy Mother of God, and congratulate each other this Christmas with our whole hearts, in words and deeds.

May you all have blessed Christmas and the holy birth of Jesus.

Fr. Zvonimir Pavičić



**Christmas greeting from
the Provincial of the Franciscan Province of
Herzegovina
Fr. Jožo Grbeš**

Dear friends!

This Christmas, on the 800th anniversary of the event in Greccio, we meet the unusual Francis and the poor Christ. For Francis, admiration for the mystery is an act of faith. Admiration is more than an emotion, it is a way of understanding, an insight into meaning greater than ourselves.

Francis saw the forgotten Child in the empty manger (1 Ch 86). Yes, the manger should always be empty, and the heart full of the One who fills everything.

Incarnated Love is the shortest path to lasting friendship. Love is always the shortest way to man. The distance between God and man decreased when God became a child and lived among us.

May this Christmas not be "one of", but unique and the most important on the way to closeness with the poor Christ. Let the 800th anniversary be a stimulus for a deeper understanding of love, that wonderful gift of God that the world has so often reduced to a give-and-take trade.

Francis declared himself to be "simple and illiterate" (2 Ch 145), but this simple and illiterate person, understanding the mystery of God with his love, also understood the mystery of man.

Let it be the same for us.

Merry Christmas

Fr. Jožo Grbeš

My Experience of Faith in Medjugorje

By Roberto Mancini

(Italian National football coach)



Roberto Mancini, the coach of the Italian national football team, recounts a very special experience of faith lived in the first person in Medjugorje.

His devotion to Our Lady of Medjugorje: "I believe in apparitions and I even spoke with one of the visionaries."

A faith that accompanies him in his life but that has been strengthened since someone began to talk to him about Medjugorje.

Mancini: My relationship with faith

He is one of the most popular personalities of the moment: Roberto Mancini, the coach of the Italian national team, currently involved in the European Football Championships.

Several times the coach told and spoke about his faith and, in particular, about his meeting and strengthening the faith in Medjugorje. He once went to Medjugorje. He had heard about it since he was young in 1983. It was his parish priest, Don Mario Galli, a priest from Genoa who never missed an opportunity to talk

about the apparitions and the visionaries.

Roberto listened attentively and, even though he grew up in a Catholic family, he still did not feel this need and desire to go there on a journey.

In 1983 a priest told him about Medjugorje

"Don Mario spoke and I listened, at first with little conviction, then with increasing interest, until the day when, divine providence, I met a dear friend to whom a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, and a Mass on Podbrdo, the place where Our Lady appeared for the first time, had literally changed his life" – says the Coach

It was only after many years, convinced by his friend Paolo Brosio, that Mancini would go on a pilgrimage to Bosnia: "I have always been a believer and Brosio's stories, but before that those of Father Galli, had struck me very much.

As soon as I had the chance I decided to leave, I wanted to know more.

We stayed there for three days, I have a beautiful memory: Medjugorje is not a place that leaves you indifferent, you have to go there to understand" – said the Coach.

Happy New Year

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**a simple solution
to world hunger**

As we reflect upon another remarkable year, we look forward towards the new year with great hope and determination to continue the story of Mary's Meals, striving towards growing our global movement and, as always, ensuring the children are at the heart of everything we do.

We've seen some incredible supporters raise much-needed funds across the world this year, all united in the belief that **Food Changes The Story.**

In October, Mary's Meals was honoured with the **Princess of Asturias Award for Concord**, in Spain, marking our efforts in bringing Hope to those who need it most.

Our vision remains a simple one – **that every child receives a daily meal in their place of education.**

Mary's Meals family, thank you for your steadfast support. We hope the new year brings Peace, Love and Joy for all.

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For The New Year*

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