

MOTHERS' UNION CYPRUS AND THE GULF



Mothers' Union, President's Advent letter

Advent tidings to you all, my dear sisters. 🥦



ADVENT gently reminds us that even in uncertain and shifting times, God is near... God is with us... and Christ, our Light, is on the way.

In Advent we discover again that hope is not wishful thinking. It is not a fragile emotion dependent on what we see. Hope is a deeply-rooted confidence that God is at work, quietly and faithfully, even in the waiting, even in the silence.

As members of our diverse and beautiful Mothers' Union family, we come from different places, carry different stories, and walk different paths. Yet we are united by a shared longing:

HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE:

to grow deeper in faith,

to be strengthened for service,

and to recognize God's presence woven into the ordinary moments of our everyday lives.

Hope does not require perfect circumstances.

It grows in unexpected places,

in the cracks of our challenges,

in the pauses between our prayers,

in the patient "in-between" spaces where God shapes us quietly.

And here is the good news of Advent: God meets us right where we are He is our "Emanuel God with us"

Whether you feel strong or weary, joyful or overwhelmed, certain or searching, God is with you. Emmanuel is our promise that we do not walk alone.

We belong to a global community that holds one another in prayer, mission, purpose, lifts each other up in love, and believes, even when days feel heavy, that the light ahead is real and it is coming.

As we light the candles of Advent, may each small flame remind us that even the tiniest light can transform darkness, and that Christ's love, shining through us, can bring warmth and hope to the world.

May this holy season renew your hope, steady your courage, and fill your hearts with Christ's peace.

God bless you all. 🙏



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