

## LET IT BE BORN IN YOU

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The switching on of Christmas lights is a bigger event every year, and the number of lights lit is a reason for competition between different cities. The temptation of posturing, appearance, superficiality....



We find ourselves in Christmas before Christmas, (what Christians know as Advent) but a candle is no longer lit every Sunday to light the way, there is no longer time to prepare, everything has to happen now.

Someone should remind us that too much light is blinding, no one wants a flash in the eyes, "please no flash, it will blind me."

On the other hand, you... Turn off the lights, light a candle, pay attention to your interior like Mary, who knew how to keep all that in her heart and understood that, so that salvation, the peace so sung about on these dates, may dwell in our world, we must make a maternal space in our womb, a place collected inside us, it requires a "Yes", which opens to the novelty, perhaps painful, of not knowing what paths it will take, nor what sword will pierce our soul. .

On the other hand, you... Check your interior, those dark corners, those stables, those internal mangers, where our ox and our mule live, at times meek and at times stubborn. Put order, clean, repair it, turn on a light, to shine peace in you.

Now it is your turn to interpret dreams, like José, to know how to read in the night of these times, what is the right decision, and to move away from what is politically correct

to welcome life, of the orphan, of the immigrant, of the widow, of so many



discarded people. Illuminate the night of others with a lamp, so that they can see the star, and guide them like a little donkey, to the place where the new humanity is generated, so that a light may shine on this people who live in darkness.

And when you go to pray, enter your room, light the candle of Silence, and allow the word to dwell in you. A stuttering word as a child, learn to say again Abba, Ima, daddy, mommy. God wants to make you his dwelling place, and dwell for years without end inside you. He lets him be born in you, because as Tauler said: *“It is of no use that Jesus is born a thousand times in Bethlehem, if he is not born once in our soul.”*