

# BE LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

January 6<sup>th</sup>

**P**eople, populations, nations, the Magi - the Epiphany of the Lord opens up horizons, widens boundaries and shifts the parameters of security. The true light is manifest to the world. To the world, and not to believers, or at least not just to them. To nations, people and populations unaware of the God of Jesus Christ. To the world of those who are far off, those who are a different kind of believers, and those who are not baptized.

To the world of science, of thought and of the arts.

To the entire universe the face of God, who is light, continues to be manifest.

The light pierces the chaos of all times and of every heart. It enters into the intellect that tries to reveal the mysteries of the universe, and into the laws that move it.

The light shines on and will not be extinguished.

The light pierces the depths of those in darkness, and it prepares the dawn.

The light embraces the universe from east to west, from the deep abysses to the heavens, and it is life ever new!

Christ himself is the light, and he is resplendent in the luminosity of his witnesses.

He makes them children of God, co-participants in his divine life, in his communion with the Father and in his intimate and perennial relationship with him.

The Word who made the cosmos, and who is light, became flesh in us who believe in his name. He makes us light that glows in the night of our time and history. In this way, we become shining stars guiding those who are searching; we become indelible paths for those who have lost their way or have never found the path of life.

The Epiphany of our God still happens today in every believer who, in the light, accepts the mandate: "Be light for the world."

## MY ACTION FOR TODAY

Be the shining "star" leading others to God, especially those close to us. Be the start that leaves in its wake a trail of tenderness and goodness, and traces paths of mercy and peace, justice and honesty. Each one should look around themselves, and inside themselves, and at their relationships, with generosity and without hesitation, and discover those dark caves that need to be filled with light and concrete actions.

«The gentiles are co-heirs of the promise in Jesus Christ, and members of the same body...»

From the Liturgy for the Epiphany

## A BLESSING PRAYER

*Blessed are you, our Lord and God, you shine in our life and dissolve the darkness of solitude.*

*Blessed are you who, in Christ Jesus, makes us messengers of your Gospel, hands outstretched in charity, and faces that are able to recognize the good in others.*