

Christmas,

*In the darkness comes a frail light,
a fragile breath, and a pure Newborn comes forth,
embodied in Mary by the power of the Spirit.*

How wonderful for our eyes!

*What a mystery to comprehend!
What a call to faith!*

*What is weak in the world is chosen to
confound the strong.
The Almighty in the fragility of a child!*

*A feast for the eyes, mind, heart—an image
received that makes its mark on me—
I approach with open arms to receive, to
welcome; I am ready—faith!*

*Watch again and again,
be attracted, fascinated,
totally invaded by this light and grace.
I become like the one who comes to me, on the lap of his
mother.*

*And my life, my actions, my words, my gestures
radiate this new light—because life is manifested, we see and we testify (1 John 1.2 a).
Is this not that which the world is thirsting for?*

Today this child has only my eyes, my hands, my heart, my lips to be known, loved and served.

*My eyes, my hands, my heart, my lips transmit the light so humbly received and contemplated—
dissipating darkness and anguish, fear and violence, disaster and tears, doubts and divisions.*

*The light has come among us—
the light of God enlightening all!*

Joyeux Noël a vous tous ! • Merry Christmas to all ! • ¡Feliz Navidad a todos!

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*If the light of faith is the Word of God, if because of it the adorable Word comes to live within us,
then we understand that faith...is precisely the union of Jesus Christ with us; a union that goes so
far as to transform us into Jesus Christ.*

*By faith we think as Jesus Christ thinks, it is Jesus Christ who unites himself to our heart.
[W.J. Chaminade – Ninth Meditation: Retreat of 1818]*