



MALACAÑAN PALACE
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MESSAGE

I join the Christian faithful in commemorating Christmas. Two millennia ago, the birth of Jesus Christ fulfilled God's promise of a savior who will deliver mankind from sin and bring us closer to the Lord Almighty.

That is why we Filipinos celebrate this occasion with so much joy and happiness. We set aside our daily routine to spend more time with our families. We also share our blessings by giving gifts to our friends and loved ones and holding feasts in our homes and our communities.

In the midst of all the revelry and festivity, may we also remember our brothers and sisters who are in need so that we can become instruments for the betterment of their lives. Today, let us celebrate Christ's life by finding in our hearts the true meaning of His birth and becoming the personification of the Almighty's grace and love.

I wish everyone a happy, peaceful and meaningful Christmas!

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