

### **Christmas 2017**

*Dear brothers and sisters Migrants,  
dear Christian Communities of Migrants,  
we are approaching the Holy Christmas,  
the great feast of our faith, that of the simple-hearted people.*

*It is the feast of the meek, of those who are ready to kneel in front of the Crib  
to adore the baby Jesus, the Son of God who became man for us  
and for our salvation.*

*Christmas means living in the presence of God, who loves us and wants to save us;  
at Christmas we must repent and go back to God.*

*We pray to Jesus and entrust to him  
all the migrants throughout the world who, on this day,  
are far from their lands, from their families and from their parish communities,  
that they may feel welcomed in Christ in the countries where they have arrived.*

*Holy Baby, protect all the migrants who have set out on their journey  
with the hope for a better life but also with the uncertainty of a safe destination;  
that they may feel the presence of the God-made-man who accompanies them.*

*Dear Jesus, watch over the many families  
that are anxiously waiting for their dear ones,  
so that they may not lose hope in their life.*

*Our Lord Jesus, bless all of us  
who are called to exercise the daily service of welcome,  
so that we may never be afraid of opening our doors and our arms  
to the brother or sister who comes to us from far away.*



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Pastorale dei Migranti  
e degli Itineranti

"... ero forestiero e  
mi avete ospitato" Mt 25, 35

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*Many will celebrate Christmas away from their dear ones,  
from their lands and from their traditions;  
All will raise their prayer to you, Jesus,  
in the hope that they may receive the gift of a better life  
for themselves, for their dear ones and for their countries.*

*This year we commit ourselves to celebrating Christmas  
as a large family united in Christ, getting ready for His coming.*

*We are glad to know that each community is going to celebrate  
the Christmas Mass in its own language and following its own traditions.*

*On the occasion of this great Christian feast  
we take the opportunity to strengthen the bond of our common journey through Faith,  
which, in spite of our differences, unites us in adoring the baby Jesus.*

*With this spirit  
we will celebrate the Christmas Mass together  
on **Sunday 17 December 2017, at 7.00 p.m.**  
at the Cathedral of Salerno.*

*All the different Christian communities will participate,  
following our well established tradition.*

*To you all we wish a Holy, Happy Christmas of Peace,  
accompanied by the gift of serenity and joy  
for you, your families and your countries.*

*The Director and staff of Ufficio Migrantes*