

# HOLY HOUR LAST DAY OF THIS YEAR

**PALAUTIAN FAMILY**

*We come to this moment to let ourselves be illuminated by the clarity of God's love and thus contemplate ... to contemplate what He wants, what He expects...*

**Song:** In your light we see light [https://youtu.be/V4pYlIXT\\_mg](https://youtu.be/V4pYlIXT_mg)

## ***First moment: IN THE LIGHT OF THE LIGHT***

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*(to be read slowly)*

- In the light of the Light, as Humanity, as Church, as Palautian family, as families, as consecrated women, we are ending a year very different from others.
- The pandemic has covered our planet and the hearts of many with a gray blanket of fear, despair, isolation, uncertainty, death, bewilderment; it was as if suddenly and without warning the blue sky had darkened: plans and projects changed or simply had to be abandoned, social, political and economic difficulties arose.
- The crisis exposed problems and situations that we did not see or did not want to see, many personal questions arose, we had to ask ourselves important, existential, meaningful questions... in many ways, on a personal, family, community, ecclesial and social level, we had to reinvent ourselves...
- The accompaniment to persons and communities have changed, our communications, meetings and gatherings have changed, they have been awakened in many "initiatives that announce the beauty and restore what has been deteriorated" (Cf. Circular 33/2020) due to the crisis and also due to evils and shadows of the world that we have built; we find new ways of relating, of healing, liberating, dignifying
- In the year 2020 we walked in a kind of chiaroscuro made of lights and shadows.

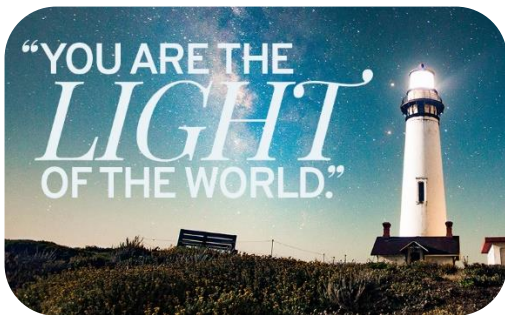
We invite you in this first moment to calmly go through your year...

- What happened “inside” you these twelve months?
- What has been the feeling, the sensation that has accompanied you during this time?
- What has been the light that has strengthened, sustained or restored your hope?
- What names of sisters, of brothers, come to your heart when you think of the brightness of these months?

Song: Oceans –Hillsong [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MSxC9q\\_gBc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MSxC9q_gBc)

### **Second moment: LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS**

*The world, society, the ecclesial structure, the Palautian Family, me ... we need light, the light of God, not to miss the path in these situations that take us out of the known and manageable and test the solidity of our faith, vocation, hope.*



*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” (Mt 5, 14-16)*

- It has been a blessing that 2020 has also been, and in many ways, a luminous time... We could contemplate how many people and institutions radiated lights of goodness, solidarity, sacrificial service, life, fraternity, compassion, mercy, communion... How can we not be grateful for them, who brought to life the words of Jesus when he told us that we are the light of the world? They were lights that challenged me, that awakened in me a deep and sincere desire for conversion, for change, *to make life in my life* what many have said and continue to say in different ways: *after this time we will come out different, a new humanity will emerge, it will never be the same again, we cannot continue the same, a change is needed and a radical change...*”; as the Pope says “*We never emerge from a crisis just as we were. We come out either better or worse. And how we get out depends on the decisions we make during the crisis. And they are*

*not only moral decisions, but human decisions, which touch the human, which touch the future of humanity" (Video message at the 75th UN General Assembly)*

But...

- Maybe these desires did not awaken in me, maybe they awakened or strengthened in my heart gray forces, attitudes and feelings that I thought had been overcome: envy, protagonism, vanity, judgment, lack of mercy, competition, gossip, criticism, selfishness, judgment, self-sufficiency...(pause)
- Maybe my words and attitudes brought darkness, fear, doubt and mistrust into the hearts of those who shared with me. (pause) Tal vez en lugar de cuidar, sanar y restaurar, herí, laceré, dañé...(pause)
- Perhaps did not come to life in "me" the conviction that, in the Church, in the teams and communities, there is room for everyone, and each one has his or her personal and unique calling and sending in which no one can replace us (pause)
- Maybe...

### Looking at the year that ends ...

- **What flows in your heart? What would you like not to repeat because it has not illuminated but has brought darkness?**
- **Let God the Trinity, "Love of Communion" guide you "in truth" at this moment of entering the depths of yourself ...**

*(longer pause with background music)*

**Song:** Christ be our light <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caA4sIXkD44>

### ***Third momento: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE***

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- 2021 is opening, a new time, full of possibilities and opportunities. It is a time of grace that is freely given to us. We don't know if for me it will be a month, two, six or maybe all of it, we don't know. What we do know is that as Palautian Carmel, as Humanity, we are given a 2021 to start again, to become "the best version of God's dream for the daughters and sons of Father Palau" ... And the best daughter and son of Father Palau. Francisco is that man and woman who, while sharing his or her life, enlightens the lives of others with his or her upright heart, the positivity of his or her words, the sincerity of his or her embrace; is

the one who spends his or her life giving life to those who need it, who risks his or her life for the fallen, the discarded, the vulnerable.

- The best version is that which trusts and allows itself to be guided by the love and criteria of God the Trinity, who generates life where and through whom He wants and in whose heart there are sometimes criteria that for us are indecipherable. Why him or her and not me? Why me and not this other person? Only He knows... ours is to respond and to be grateful for being called and sent, ours is to live in fullness the complementarity and to put the best of me in the joint task, ours is to welcome his ways and his paths.

At the beginning of this time of grace you could ask yourself...

- What is the "best version of myself" that you would like to release this 2021?
- What is that "best" father, husband, son, spouse, professional, citizen you have inside you?
- What is that "best" CMT you have inside you?

#### ***Fourth moment: MAY YOUR LIGHT SHINE FOR THE WORLD***

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That, your best version, put it at the feet of the Church, of the family, of your community, of the people, of the wounded and vulnerable, of the poor... Make it shine for the world, so that its shadows may be dispelled, love and fraternity shine out...

Today we accompany with the prayer all the people, families, societies, nations that suffer, that receive this new year in pain, abandonment, poverty, violence, death... we present them to you Lord...

- For so many men and women who have departed in the wake of the pandemic, for their families and loved ones, may the light of your comfort shine on them?
- For those who have lost their jobs and are in difficulty, may the light of solidarity shine for them
- For those who were victims of violence, may peace shine for them
- For the countries in search of more just and equitable social structures, that the light of dialogue and understanding may shine for them
- For the ecclesial structures, that may shine in them more evangelical, more human, more God-like ways and styles
- We can make other petitions...

#### ***Prayer:***

God of love, light and peace, we present to you these realities so that your mercy, incarnate in us, allow these shadows to be dispelled, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**SIGN:** We want to illuminate the space in which we find ourselves, to begin the year IN THE LIGHT OF THE LIGHT. I invite you to take out a candle, light it from the altar candle and take it to your place.

When everyone is in place, listen to the singing:

**Song:** The Light of Christ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbLHOA6mRkk>

**Closing:** Let us pray together:

Dear Trinity, you who illuminate and shelter with your love,  
I want to let you live in my heart,  
so you can make me the best person I can be.

You once said that your friends are the light of the world.  
I like that about being light, about illuminating everyone around me  
with the light of my solidarity,  
to make those who are sad live in constant joy,  
to make those who live in the darkness of rejection  
enjoy the light and warmth of the company,  
to make those who see all black see all in the color of hope.

I want to tell you yes, I want you to live in me,  
because I don't like the dark,  
the darkness where my selfishness encloses me,  
the darkness where my anger catches me,  
the darkness where my whims sink me,  
the darkness of so many bad things in this world.

I want to say YES to you, so that you can fill me with your colorful lights,  
colors of joy, of hope, of life.  
I want you to help me feel the warmth of your light of friendship within me,  
because then I can be for others your light and warmth of friendship  
with my way of acting and acting.  
This way I can be a light of hope for those around me every day.



**Happy and blessed**

**New Year 2021**