

I have read the first few verses of the first reading from *the Song of Songs*, because I believe these beautiful words very well describe the disposition of all of us who are looking for God, all of us who are anxiously waiting for the deliverance, the healing of our heart, the healing of our wounds, of our sadness, of everything that adds burden to our everyday life.

It is good to get into this atmosphere of confident hope, with the thought that **Christmas fulfils this arrival of the *Beloved One***.

My Beloved One, the beloved One of our heart, is our Saviour, of course, He is the One we look for, if we truly look for being visited by Jesus.

Christmas reminds us that this *Beloved One* made Himself our neighbour, He came close to us, He came to make our life blossom, blossom one more time (remembering a prophecy by Isaiah - cf. Isa 32,15)

Let's then live in this atmosphere of joy, jubilation, gratitude, because the One who can save us from all the anxieties is near us, the One who can strengthen our wavering knees (cf. Isa 35), the One who can make us smile...

Yes, make us smile for everything that makes us sad, for everything that we are not able to accomplish; [the One who can] give us a smile full of hope because He is able to do what for us is impossible to do.

He wants to do for us what we wouldn't even dare hope...

Let's then smile to Jesus our Lord, in the same way that children smile when they find out that their mom and dad show their love and forgive their mischief.

Let's then smile in the same way to the One who comes reinvigorate our lives.

May the Lord be praised.