



Little Sister Magdeleine wrote the following in a Christmas letter to the Little Sisters in 1977. Its message seems timely today as well. May Jesus' gentleness, tenderness, light, and hope penetrate our world this Christmas.

I would like the little sisters from every continent to let this tiny infant shine through them to the farthest reaches of the earth. This child is gentleness, tenderness, light and hope, of which the world today has so much need...

**Gentleness** in response to the violence that engulfs every country of the world.

**Tenderness** in response to the lack of benevolence, kindness and charity which, alas, constricts the hearts even of those who believe themselves the best of Christians.

**Light** in response to the darkness that is little by little clouding the work of contemporary thinkers: in philosophy, theology, psychology, political science etc.

**Hope** in response to those who feel alone or can no longer find meaning in their lives.