

NADA'S 2024 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

INSPIRED BY THE LIGHT

As I drive through the streets crowned with twinkling lights of all colors, sizes, and designs, I am triggered by memories of my childhood in Croatia when life was simple, and winters were cold.

Riding in a horse-drawn sleigh on a moonlit night, dashing through the snow, wrapped in a thick wool blanket, and millions of stars reflecting upon the glistening white snow covering all the countryside.

The sound of the swooshing sleigh and the faint ringing of the bells tied around the horses' necks was just the magic of the night, filled with peace, inner warmth, and the presence of loved ones. It was the season of Christmas, and trees were trimmed, cookies were baked, while the scent of warm cacao or "gluhwein" seasoned with cinnamon and cloves filled the entire house, enticing us to sit by the fire and tell long-forgotten legends, stories of the past and magical moments in time.

The Christmas season lasted the entire month of December, prolonging this magic throughout its entirety. It was the time when the family would gather closer together, where traditional meals were prepared and shared with everyone present and all those who came to visit. There was good food, lots of laughter, songs and even dance. *The most precious gift was family.*

Now, our focus drifts into decorations, colorful lights, and an abundance of gifts, which often get quickly forgotten or even exchanged. Let us remember the importance of this precious time we spend with family and friends, sharing the unconditional love this precious time represents. The memory of a newborn child named Jesus teaches us just that.

Let us shine our lights from within upon each other as we look forward to a New Year of Love, Peace, and Prosperity. A year that will fully represent the truth of what we cherish as human beings on our beautiful planet, Earth.

As stewards of our bodies, our lives, and our environment, we can bring forth all the Love, Peace, and Joy we so desire.

May your Light shine bright this holiday season, and all year through!
May you be happy, healthy, and prosperous too!
May love be within and about you now and always!

With all my Love,

Nada