

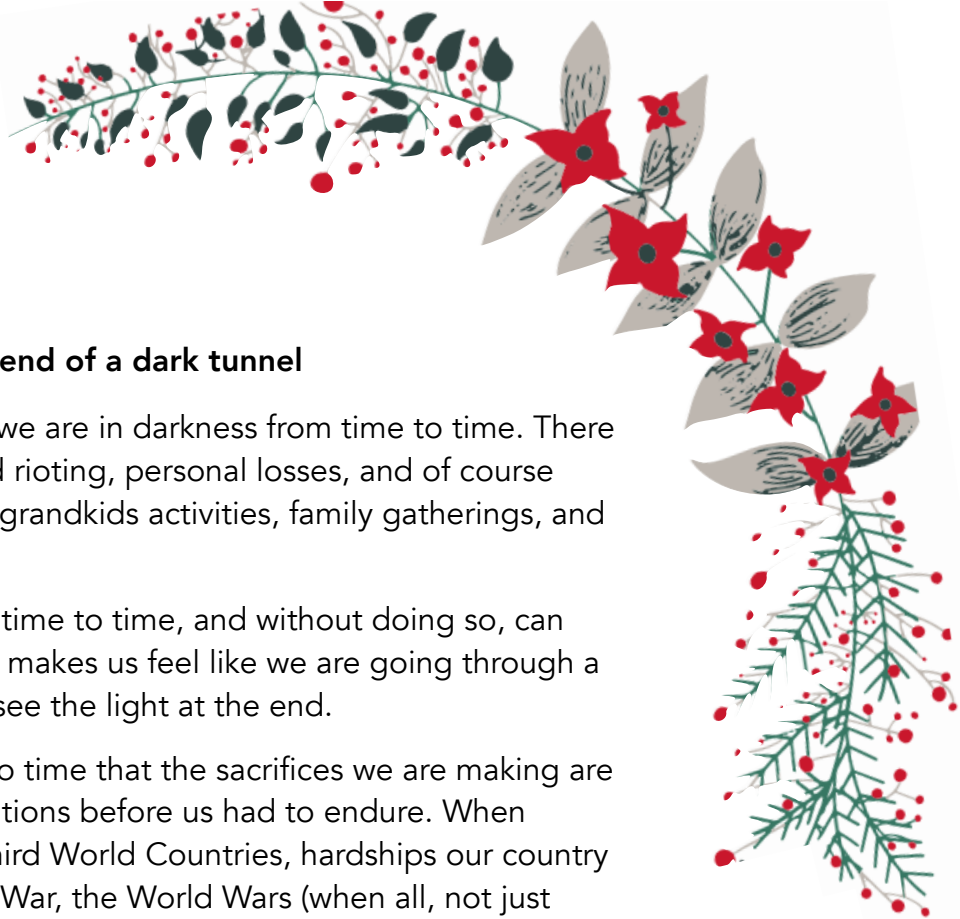
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ADVENT DEVOTIONAL HOPE IN A TIME OF COVID

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 1:5
THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS,
AND THE DARKNESS DID NOT
OVERCOME IT.



Our light at the end of a dark tunnel

The year 2020 has made many of us feel we are in darkness from time to time. There were severe weather events, violence and rioting, personal losses, and of course COVID-19. We missed our church family, grandkids activities, family gatherings, and even siblings' funerals.

People like to and need to socialize from time to time, and without doing so, can easily lead to feeling depressed. If all this makes us feel like we are going through a long dark tunnel, we can already start to see the light at the end.

We need to remind ourselves from time to time that the sacrifices we are making are really small in comparison to what generations before us had to endure. When comparing 2020 to living conditions in Third World Countries, hardships our country dealt with during pioneer times, the Civil War, the World Wars (when all, not just servicemen and women sacrificed), the Dust Bowl days, the Great Depression, the effects of hurricanes and wildfires, we can see the darkness fading.

We CAN see a light at the end of a dark tunnel. Jesus provides us the hope we need to overcome the darkness, and his light shines through the darkness. Soon we will have a vaccine, and be able to gather and worship and socialize, and eventually return to life as we knew it before.

LORD,
WE LONG FOR AND PRAY FOR THE
LIGHT YOU PROVIDE THAT SHINES
THROUGH THE DARKNESS. WE PRAY
FOR YOUR HEALING POWER AS WE
LOOK FOR THE NEW LIFE THAT
ADVENT BRINGS.
AMEN.



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