

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN ASSISI**  
*Vatican City State*

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[...] And to all refugees, I say a word, that of the prophet: Raise your head, the Lord is near. And with him is strength, salvation, hope. The heart, perhaps, [is] sorrowful, but the head [is] high in the hope of the Lord.

I embrace all of you refugees and all of you in the Navy and I wish you a blessed Christmas, full of hope and with much affection from the Lord.