

*The global party to celebrate Christ's birthday at the new millennium will start in New Zealand on 1st Jan 2000 at 3:00pm. It is planned to finish 24 hours later in Hawaii at 5:00pm on 1st Jan 2000!*

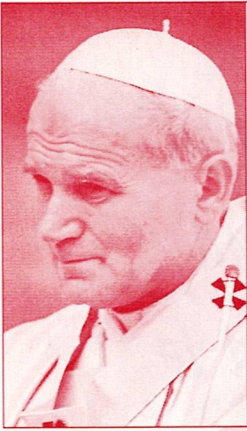
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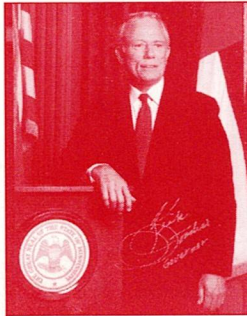
# All the World Sing Praise

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From the Holy Father John Paul II, Vatican City Europe.

The Holy Father duly received your letters and documentation describing your project to mark the Millennium and he has directed me to send this acknowledgment in his name. He sends prayerful best wishes to you and your associates in your efforts to ensure that the Millennium is worthily celebrated.



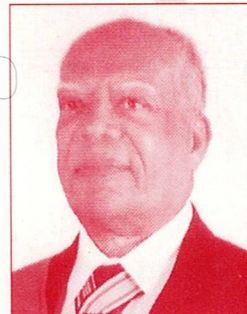
From Governor Kirk Fordice, Governor of the State of Mississippi, United States.

Whereas ALL THE WORLD SING PRAISE is a project to celebrate the dawn of the next Millennium with songs of praise led by children around the world.... citizens of all ages, nations and denominations will join in this musical celebration.... Now, therefore, I, Kirk Fordice, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim January 1 2000 ALL THE WORLD SING PRAISE DAY in the State of Mississippi.



From John Owen, Governor, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, W.I.

I congratulate you and all those concerned in the project "All the World Sing Praise" the global day of praise and worship which will take place on 1 Jan 2000. This initiative will indeed provide an opportunity for a very Christian celebration to celebrate the beginning of a new Millennium. I will be informing the Church and education authorities in Cayman of your initiative.



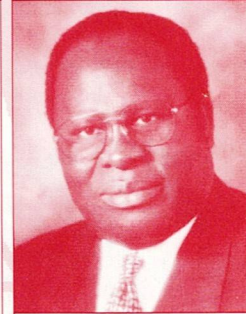
From Howard Cooke, Governor General of Jamaica, W.I.

This celebration of the 2000th anniversary of Christ's birth on 1 Jan 2000 should remind us of his Christian work on earth, and we pray that the peace and understanding we seek will bring healing and thanksgiving within our minds and hearts as we strive for harmony and world peace. I pray for the success of this worthwhile project to lift the human spirit towards a better world.



From the Chief Minister of Gibraltar Mr Peter Caruana.

I will confer with clergy and laity in Gibraltar to encourage them to organise an act of ecumenical celebration of Praise in honour of Jesus on the 2000th Anniversary of His Birth. It is a most fitting way to celebrate this momentous birthday.



From Dr Bakili Muluzi, President of the Republic of Malawi.

I am pleased to commend this project as a realistic reminder of the Christian significance of the Millennium. Malawi has its own treasury of religious songs that give praise to God and a day of praise is an entirely fitting way of opening the Great Jubilee of the year 2000. My office will encourage the Christian community as well as all people of goodwill in Malawi to organise Children's celebrations in honour of Jesus on the 2000th anniversary of His birth. I wish your project every success.

Messages of support also received from An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of The Republic of Ireland, Commissioner Edith Cresson, Member for E of the Slovak Republic, Chancellor Kohl of Germany, President Scalfaro of Italy, The President of Lithuania, The Office of President Havel of the Czech R Colorado and New Jersey USA and many of the twin towns across the world of the City of Coventry, UK where the initiative was launched on June 30 1996.



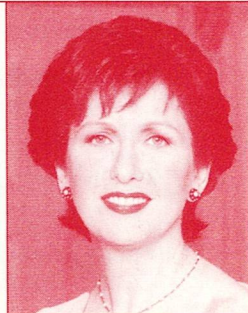
The Offices of HM Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom.

I am commanded by the Queen to thank your message of loyal greetings, sent on behalf of everybody in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth who is involved with ALL THE WORLD SING PRAISE, the global day of praise and worship which is to take place on 1st January 2000. Her Majesty learned of this day with interest and sends her good wishes to you for a most successful event.



President Mary MacAleese of the Republic of Ireland .

On behalf of the people of Ireland, I am most pleased to express my support for the "All the World Sing Praise Day" on January 1, 2000. The unique and innovative celebration of friendship, peace and harmony between peoples perfectly captures the hopes and aspirations of all the world's peoples at the dawn of a new millennium. I wish you every success in this magnificent event.



*Mary MacAleese*

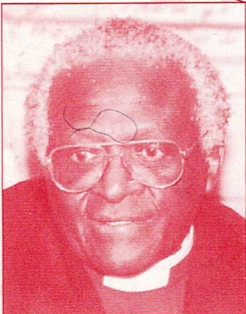
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Dr Rita Süssmuth, President of the German Parliament.

The idea of beginning the new Millennium with a worldwide Hymn of Praise to God underlines the fact that the coexistence of all human beings depends on universally valid and universally recognised values.... The Judaeo-Christian Tradition has made a decisive contribution to the development and acceptance of these values. All people of good will, of whatever denomination, should feel invited to greet the new Millennium with us and to express their commitment to a future world of peace and solidarity.... In this the initiative ALL THE WORLD SING PRAISE! can play an outstanding part.



*Rita Süssmuth*



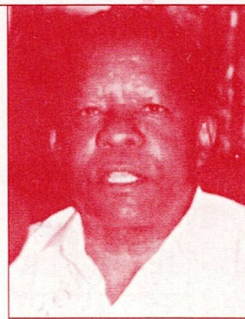
From Archbishop Desmond Tutu, former Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, S. Africa.

How appropriate we should mark this long-awaited milestone in history by celebrating the Lord who is the source of all and whose infinite love embraces all peoples, all nations. May the songs of praise resound and bring glory to Our Lord.

*Desmond Cape*

From the Office of the President of Botswana, H.E. Sir Ketumile Masire (1997).

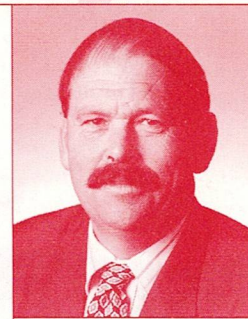
On behalf of the Government and the People of the Republic of Botswana and indeed on my own behalf I wish to extend my cordial congratulations and best wishes for organising this noble project which seeks to create a world praise/birthday party for children of all creeds in honour of Jesus Christ on the first day of the next Millennium



*Ketumile Masire*

From New Zealand. The Office of W. John Clarke, Mayor Gisborne District Council.

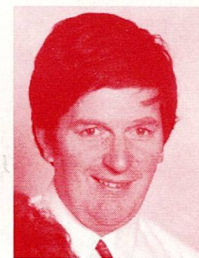
We are the first city in the world to greet the sun each day, and currently looking forward to the dawning of the new Millennium, being in earnest preparation for that event. I join with the King's Christian Network in wishing ALL THE WORLD SING PRAISE/1 JAN 2000 every success and look forward to being part of the New Zealand cake cutting celebrations here in Gisborne on 1 January 2000 at 4 p.m. \* (see guidelines)



*John Clarke*

## SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATIONS.

From Cormac O'Duffy, Faith Alive Director, Promoters of ATWSP/1 JAN 2000.



*“ATWSP is a mass/people's event with a special emphasis on children whose purpose is to assist the Christian celebration of the Millennium. It can be celebrated in any variety of ways; the idea is however is that we try to do something **together** across the world **at the same time** to celebrate Jesus's birthday worthily. Here is a summary description of the most basic suggested guidelines for these celebrations.”*

- The party is called **ALL THE WORLD SING PRAISE/1 JAN 2000**. It is a people's/ families'/ children's praise/birthday party whose purpose it is to celebrate the 2000th anniversary of Christ. Start time is at 3 p.m. in different international time zones on 1 Jan 2000. The party should last at least 2 hours.
- All parties should be open to peoples of all races, ages and creeds.
- Children should have a special place in the party as celebrating birthdays is special to them. Where possible they should have some part in creating the format of the local party through their local schools, churches, clubs or associations - such as the choice of venue, or items on the programme etc.
- Each celebration is to have singing, at least “Happy Birthday to Jesus” to any traditional ‘Happy Birthday’ tune. Some celebrations may be mainly singing parties, and some mass choral concerts and even sports events with singing.
- Each celebration will be asked for one simple prayer to be said, possibly Jesus's own “Our Father”, though some may wish to have a longer time of prayer.
- Each celebration must have at least one large special birthday cake with the inscription “Happy Birthday Jesus” which will be cut during the event.
- Finally we ask for each party to display some flags - where possible of all the nations of the world - but at least some local, county, regional, national and international flags or flags associated with ATWSP/1JAN 2000. These should be waved during the singing as a symbol of ‘all the world’ singing praise.
- \*It is suggested that the cutting of the cake takes place locally at 4 p.m. If possible local parties should be linked at this time by TV coverage of the Head of State, Parliament or other Church or other political leader cutting the national birthday cake. Locally people may wish to gain the record for the largest birthday cake ever or for other world records.\*\*

**COME AND JOIN THE PARTY!**

**CORMAC O'DUFFY.**

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A manual explaining how children can become involved in this celebration through their schools is available at the International Co-ordination Office at New Life in Luton, UK. (see below)

*\*\*For further information on how to break the record nationally or locally in any time zone for the world's largest ever simultaneous celebration (now standing at over 500,000 in 14,600 venues) or about making the world's largest cake and any other records etc., please contact the international co-ordination office for further guidelines supplied in co-operation with the Guinness Book of Records.*

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