



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**


**Christmas Day
December 25, 2022
Message from the Governor**

During this sacred season, families and friends gather to celebrate the greatest miracle in human history. More than two thousand years ago, a Savior was born. God sent his only begotten son that “Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16) Through His birth, all humankind were gifted with hope and the promise of perpetual favor. In the Savior, Jesus Christ, we can find personal peace that eludes so much of the world. In Him, we learn about the meaning of forgiveness and unconditional love. The true spirit of Christmas is giving without expecting anything in return. It is happiness because we see the joy in others. It is forgetting about ourselves and finding time for others.

As we continue to adapt to the changes surrounding the global pandemic, may we reflect upon the blessings and opportunities we have received from our Lord, Jesus Christ. We have seen an increase in courage, character, resilience, and resolve in all of you who serve in many ways. Let us strive to become Christlike in bringing the gift of peace to our homes, schools, communities, and the Territory. I commend and thank our first responders, law enforcement, and healthcare workers for their endless commitment to keeping American Samoa safe. We remember our Toa o Samoa, our brothers, and sisters, sons and daughters in the Armed forces, and their families. We continue to pray for your safety and we thank you for your service.

May the spirit of Christmas instill in us the desire to love more, forgive others, make amends, and serve each other. Let us continue to reach out and lift the hands of those who are weary, comfort those who are facing personal loss or difficulties, give to those who are in need, and allow others to see the gift of the Savior’s love through us.

On behalf of First Lady Ella Mauga, Lieutenant Governor Talauega E. V. Ale, and Good Lady Marian Ale, we wish you all both here and abroad a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!


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Governor