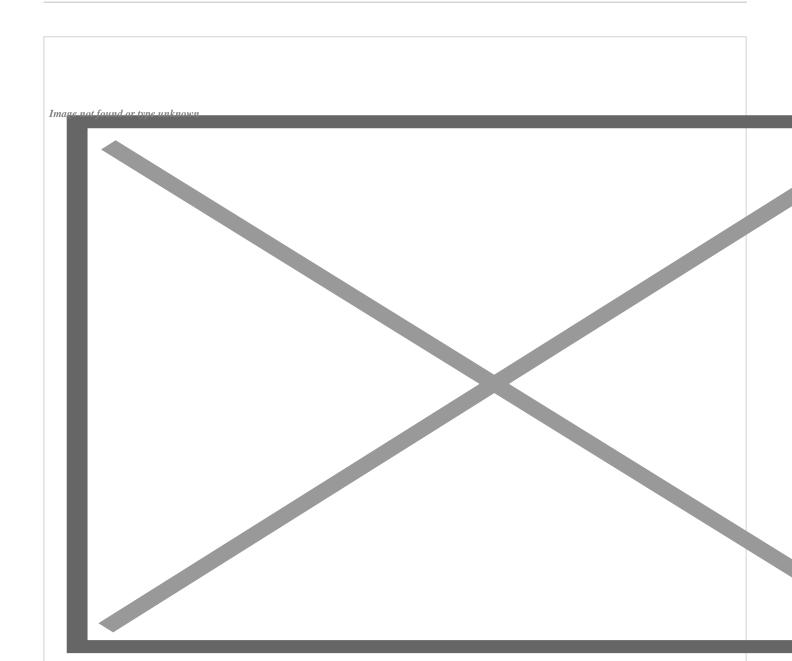
## Lula vows for a Christmas that reconciles Brazil



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The leader of the Workers' Party (PT) posted on his official Twitter account his aspiration that "Christmas be one of family reconciliation and of Brazil with itself." In this sense, Lula added: "I am going to make a greater effort than in previous governments so that Christmas for everyone, especially for those who need it most, will be better next year."

At the same time, the president-elect said he felt sad because many families will not be united for the celebration "because they were divided by the political hatred that set fathers against sons and brothers against brothers."

Lula da Silva, who will be sworn in on January 1st, said: "Unfortunately, many families will have nothing to celebrate, because they are suffering from hunger, unemployment, inflation and debt." He considered that this is an especially sad time for hundreds of thousands of families "who lost their loved ones due to COVID-19 and for so many others who lost everything due to the heavy rains that affected several states."

However, he expressed that his message is one of hope and that this date, "in spite of all the difficulties, marks the beginning of the reconstruction of Brazil. And may we rebuild, in each one of us, the spirit of union, fraternity, peace, love and hope."

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