28th of December

The Queen's Christmas speech 2020

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II delivered her annual Christmas speech to the British public.

Translate:

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Watch the video and listen to her speech one time.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZbCRN3C_Hs

Task 1 Now read out the 1st part of the speech and translate the highlighted words.

"Every year we herald(объявлять) the coming of Christmas by turning on_____ the lights. And light does more than create a festive mood (праздничное настроение) - light brings hope.

For Christians, Jesus is 'the light of the world', but we can't celebrate his birth today in quite the usual way (обычным способом).

People of all faiths(вероисповедание) have been unable to gather_____ as they would wish for their festivals, such as Passover (еврейская Пасха), Easter(Пасха), Eid(айт,религиозный праздник у мусульман) and Vaisakhi(праздник урожая и нового года в Индии). But we need life to go on.

Last month, fireworks_____ lit up(освещать) the sky around Windsor, as Hindus, Sikhs and Jains celebrated Diwali, the festival of lights, providing joyous moments of hope and unity - despite social distancing.

Remarkably(удивительно), a year that has necessarily(неизбежно) kept people apart has, in many ways, brought us closer (нас сблизил)

Across the Commonwealth (Британское содружество наций, в которое входит 53 государства,главой которых является королева Елизавета II), my family and I have been inspired_____ by stories of people volunteering in their communities(местное сообщество), helping those in need.

In the United Kingdom and around the world, people have risen magnificently to the challenges (приняли сложные задачи) of the year, and I am so proud and moved by this quiet, indomitable(спокойный,упорный) spirit_____.

To our young people in particular_____ I say thank you for the part you have played."

Task 2 Read the 2nd part of the speech and fill in the gaps. You can check yourselves by listening the speech once more.

sadness	safety	family	hug

"Of course, for many, this time of year will be tinged with(окрашивать) _____: some mourning(горевать) the loss of those dear to them, and others missing friends and _____ members distanced for _____, when all they'd really want for Christmas is a simple _____ or a squeeze of the hand(рукопожатие).

Как вы понимаете предложение?

Let the light of Christmas - the spirit of selflessness, love and above all hope - guide us in the times ahead.

See you next term! I wish you all to be healthy, happy and surrounded by love and care. Happy New Year and Merry Christmas!