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Rapper Guvna B speaks of his grief over the loss of his father and the hope that the Christmas message brings, in a reflection for the Church of

England's Comfort and Joy campaign.



The musician and author, from London, says that Christmas has not felt the same since his father died in 2017, in a video message for the Church of England's Instagram account.

He says that Mario's version of Someday at Christmas is one of his favourite Christmas songs because of its vision of a Christmas of peace and joy.

"The reason I love it so much is because it paints this picture of peace and happiness and joy 'Someday at Christmas', he says.

"It might not be now, but there will be peace and joy 'Someday at Christmas' and the reason that's so important to me is because I lost my dad in 2017."

The Christmas message of the birth of Jesus gives him hope, he says, that eventually he will be reunited with his loved ones.

"Every year that went past after my dad passed away, it got really difficult because it felt like he was getting further and further away,"

"But I had to kinda think about what Christmas means and what Jesus means to me. And because Christmas means that Jesus is alive and there is

a place called heaven where I will see my loved ones again, every year that goes past, I'm not getting further and further away from seeing my dad

at all, I'm actually getting closer and closer to seeing him again."

Wishing all viewers a Happy Christmas, he adds that he is 'determined' to count his blessings, be grateful for everything that God has given him

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and enjoy Christmas with the loved ones he has left.

"Sometimes if we spend too much time worrying about what we don't have, we can lose sight of what we do have - and what we do have is friends, family and Jesus - and that's a reason to be happy," he says.

Watch the full video here.

Find out more about **Comfort and Joy from the Church of England**.

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