

# A New Year Prayer

Monday, January 7, 2008

Holy Father,

God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.

We praise You for Your unequaled greatness.

Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.

Help us in this new year, Father, to worry less and laugh more.

To teach others to laugh by laughing with them.

To teach others to care by caring for them.

Knowing, when Jesus came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.

So that Love could be with us, and we could know You.

That we could share Love with others.

Help us to stop and listen to Your word,

so that we may know You better and better.

We rejoice in the world You loved into being.

Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.

We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.

Forgive us for falling short this past year.

We leave the irreparable past in your hands, and step out into the unknown new year  
knowing You will go with us.

We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to  
help us do exactly what You want.

Amen.

**A New Year Prayer**  
**(Tuesday, January 8, 2008)**

Lord God, here we stand at the start of another new year. As we get rid of the old year and begin a new one, help us to learn from the past so that we might have a better tomorrow. We know from experience what could have gone better and what we did right last year. May we put this knowledge to use in the year to come so that this year may be filled with the things that are truly good – with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and with the openness to accept help from others. Some people make ambitious New Year's resolutions while others just take a deep breath and hope for the best. As we make our New Year resolutions, let us go forward with great hope that all things are possible – with your help and guidance. Amen.

## **A New Year Prayer (Wednesday, January 9, 2008)**

Lord God, having a truly happy New Year is like preparing a meal. When the right ingredients come together, a feast is enjoyed by all. Lord, help us to learn the recipe for a happy New Year.

Take the past 12 full-grown months and wash out any memories of bitterness and cut out any feelings of hate.

Then dice the New Year into equal 24 hour periods. Sprinkle into each day one part faith, courage, hope, work, patience, kindness, and rest.

Season the days ahead with good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of a sense of humour.

Let these ingredients simmer together for a full year. When they are fully cooked, we can then look back and say that we had a happy New Year. Amen.

**A New Year Prayer**  
**(Thursday, January 10, 2008)**

*"In the New Year may we remember , Lord,*  
Today's decisions shape tomorrow's outcomes  
That living each moment the best we can  
Creates a harmonious life.

May we remember, Lord  
By holding fast to honesty  
Others see we are trustworthy.

When times are rough, Lord,  
May we remember to turn to You  
our close and ready Source of comfort.

On New Year's and every day, Lord,  
May we remember that each new moment  
Can be a fresh beginning.

*And may we especially remember that*  
Personal peace, which you give to us,  
*is the best road* to World peace.  
Amen.

## **A New Year Prayer (Friday, January 11)**

**Dear Lord**, please give us as we begin a new year

A few friends who understand us and still remain our friends;

A work to do which has real value,  
without which the world would be the poorer;

A mind unafraid to learn and explore new ideas, even though it might take some work;

An understanding heart;

A sense of humor;

Time for quiet, silent meditation;

A feeling of the presence of God;

Most of all Lord, give us the patience to wait for the coming of these things,  
with the wisdom to recognize them when they come.

Amen.

A New Year's Prayer

Holy God of Heaven and Earth,

We know that a thousand years are as a day to you, but we humans are bound up in time.

As a new year is beginning, please teach us to...

- \* care more about people,
- \* enjoy our work more,
- \* and laugh more easily than we did last year.

As we get ready for another year, help me to remember

- \* that some people are counting on us,
- \* that you have things for us to do.
- \* and that we should try some new things in this new year.

And, Father of Mercies, please teach us in this new and unspoiled year to...

- \* lighten up and
- \* avoid quarrels and work at being a peacemakers in this world,

Above all other things, Father, we want to be your instruments.

Come what may in the year about to begin, may we live it for your glory. Amen.