

Prayers for the beginning of the Year

Heavenly Father, whose mercy is everlasting, accept our thanksgiving for all the blessings of the year that is past; take our lives afresh into your keeping as we face the unknown future; and fit us all by your grace for whatever lies before us in the days to come; for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

(Frank Colquhoun)

An unchanging God

Grant, Lord, that as the years change we may find rest in your eternal changelessness. May we go forward into this new year with courage, sure in the faith that while life changes around us, you are always the same, guiding us with your wisdom and protecting us with your love. So may the peace which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

New Possibilities

For all the possibilities ahead in this new year, make us thankful, O Lord. Give us wisdom, courage, discernment in the face of so much chaos, despair, and fear. Help us to see how, in our own unique circumstances, we can contribute towards, peace, faith and love, and give us the will to translate our desires into actions, and this we ask in Jesus name. Amen

Prayer for the New Year

O Christ, tirelessly you seek out those who are looking for you and who think you are far away;

Teach us, at every moment, to place our life into your hands.

While we are still looking for you, already you have found us.

However poor our prayer, nor how occasionally we may do it,

you hear us far more than we can imagine or believe

far more than we deserve or can expect.