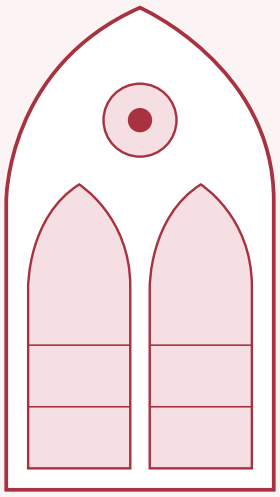
PRAYERS

New Year prayers

Prayers for midnight, New Year's Day, family and church, with nine passages of Scripture.



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A short prayer for the new year

ALL PRAY **Father, you hold every day of this year in your hands. Thank you for your mercy that is new every morning. Keep us near Jesus Christ, our hope and our Lord, and make us faithful in the days you give. In his name. Amen.**

A prayer to pray at midnight

ALL PRAY **Father, the year is turning. From everlasting to everlasting you are God. We do not know what this year will bring. Your Son reigns, and your mercies are new every morning. Keep us watching for Christ and ready to serve you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A prayer of thanks for the year

PRAYER Father, thank you for the year that is ending, for the days you gave, the work you let us do, the friends who helped us and the mercies we never noticed. Thank you for your patience with us, shown in Jesus Christ. In his name. Amen.

A prayer of confession for the year

ALL PRAY **Father, we confess the sins of this year. We spoke words we should not have spoken, passed by people we should have helped, and let pride and fear keep us from obeying you. You are faithful and just to forgive. Cleanse us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

A prayer for a family on December 31

PRAYER Father, thank you for your care on every day of this year. Watch over this family as we sleep tonight, and wake us to a new year of your mercy. Keep our hearts on Jesus Christ, who never changes. In his name. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2027

A New Year's Day morning prayer

PRAYER Father, thank you for the first morning of this year. Your mercies are new this morning. Teach us to number our days, that we may present a heart of wisdom, and direct our steps today. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A New Year's Day prayer at the table

PRAYER Father, thank you for this meal and for the people around this table. As a new year begins, keep us grateful for your daily gifts and generous with them. Let Christ be honored in our words today and in our home all year. In his name. Amen.

A prayer for a child to pray

ALL PRAY **Father, thank you for this new year. Please help me learn and grow and be kind. Watch over my family and my friends, and help me follow Jesus. Amen.**

A prayer when the year ahead is hard

READ MATTHEW 6:34

> 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Today has enough trouble of its own.

ALL PRAY **Father, I am afraid of what this year may bring. Your Son told us not to worry about tomorrow. Your mercy is new every morning. Keep me in your care today, and fix my hope on Jesus Christ and his return. Amen.**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2027

An opening prayer for the first Sunday

PRAYER Father, you have brought us to the first Sunday of this year. We gather in Jesus' name to hear your Word and sing your praise. Open our hearts to hear and obey, and send us out to serve you this year. In his name. Amen.

A New Year pastoral prayer

PRAYER

Father, we thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. In him you have given us a hope that does not depend on the year. We praise you for his death and resurrection, and for the Spirit who keeps us in the faith. We pray for this church and its work in the year to come. Make us faithful in worship, generous in giving, and ready to speak the good news to our neighbors. We pray for kings and all in authority, that we may lead tranquil and quiet lives in all godliness and dignity. Give our president, our governor and all who govern us wisdom and justice. We pray for the sick, the grieving and those who are out of work. Comfort them, provide for them, and use us to care for them. Keep our pastors and elders humble and faithful, and unite us in love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the church's leaders

PRAYER

Father, you have given this church shepherds to care for your flock. Give them humility, wisdom and courage this year. Keep them faithful to your Word, united in love and quick to serve. Guard them and their families from pride and discouragement. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A New Year offering prayer

PRAYER

Father, every good gift we have comes from you. We bring these offerings with thanks for your mercy in the year past and trust in your care for the year ahead. Use them for your church and our neighbors. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A New Year closing prayer

PRAYER

Father, go with us into this new year. Keep us in the faith of Jesus Christ, watchful for his return and ready to serve you. Make our homes places of prayer, our work honest and our words kind. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lamentations 3:22-23

The writer speaks in the middle of grief and remembers the LORD's mercy.

READ LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

> 22 Because of the loving devotion of the LORD we are not consumed, for His mercies never fail. 23 They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness!

Psalm 90:12

Moses prays to God for a heart of wisdom.

READ PSALM 90:12

> 12 So teach us to number our days, that we may present a heart of wisdom.

Proverbs 16:9

Solomon writes to his readers about a man's plans and the LORD's steps.

READ PROVERBS 16:9

> 9 A man’s heart plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

Psalm 31:14-15

David speaks to God and puts his times in God's hands.

READ PSALM 31:14-15

> 14 But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.” 15 My times are in Your
> hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.

Philippians 3:13-14

Paul counts his past gains as loss for Christ and presses on toward the goal.

READ PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14

> 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I
> do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on
> toward the goal to win the prize of God’s heavenly calling in Christ Jesus.

James 4:13-15

James writes to believers scattered among the nations about plans made without God.

READ JAMES 4:13-15

> 13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city,
> spend a year there, carry on business, and make a profit.” 14 You do not even
> know what will happen tomorrow! What is your life? You are a mist that
> appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, “If the
> Lord is willing, we will live and do this or that.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

Paul writes about anyone who is in Christ.

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

> 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come!

Revelation 21:5

The One on the throne speaks to John in a vision of the new creation.

READ REVELATION 21:5

> 5 And the One seated on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” Then He said, “Write this down, for these words are faithful and true.”

A New Year blessing

NUMBERS 6:24-26

> 24 ‘May the LORD bless you and keep you; 25 may the LORD cause His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; 26 may the LORD lift up His countenance toward you and give you peace.’

JUDE 24-25

> 24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you unblemished in His glorious presence, with great joy— 25 to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority through Jesus Christ our Lord before all time, and now, and for all eternity. Amen.