

Hymn

New! ev'ry morning it's new!
The love of God to me is wonderfully new!
New! ev'ry morning it's new!
The mercy of the Lord is wonderfully new!
Great is His faithfulness,
Constant is His love,
Great is His saving pow'r
Coming from above!
New! ev'ry morning it's new!
The mercy of the Lord is wonderfully new!

New! ev'ry morning it's new!
The love of Calvary is wonderfully new!
New! ev'ry morning it's new!
The mercy fresh outpoured is wonderfully new!
He is our daily strength,
He's our daily guide
If we will wait on Him
And in Him abide!
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New Year
New Strength

OPENING DECLARATION AND SCRIPTURE

Last year came and went. We each travelled through all its ups and downs, the joys and sorrows. Some things we remember with joy, others we need to try to forget. Let us pray with Paul in Philippians 3 :13-14

"...But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize of God's heavenly calling in Christ Jesus."

Let us be glad and blessed to have reached this day. *"This is the day the Lord hath made we will rejoice and be glad in it".* Psalm 118:24

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your faithfulness in bringing me safely through 2025. Thank You for the gift of this new year. Help me to see Your hand upon every day you give me. Help me to rejoice that You are with me.

REFLECTION

By the time we have reached our older years we have seen a lot of new years! And yet each year is a gift from the Lord and within each year He performs a new work within us. Some of us have walked with the Lord for a long time and yet He is always able to show us something new from His Word, or speak that gentle word of

encouragement to our heart that we haven't heard before. His grace is always new and fresh for us each day. Each day gives us the opportunity for a brand new start. Yesterday may have been good or it may have been a day we want to forget, but today is a new day.

"Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth". Psalm 96:1

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland".
Isaiah 43:18-19

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

"He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him". Psalm 40:3

**This year know from the start
that the Lord is with you. You are not alone.**

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

*He does not faint or grow weary;
His understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint, and to him who has
no might He increases strength.
Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their
strength; they shall mount up with wings like
eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they
shall walk and not faint.*
Isaiah 40:27-31

CLOSING PRAYER AT THE START OF A NEW YEAR.

Heavenly Father, Thank You for bringing me through all the ups and downs of last year and for bringing me to this New Year. Please walk with me throughout every second, every minute and every day of this year. Hold my hand, guide me, keep me. Let me know Your presence in such a greater way than I have known before. Thank You for loving me. I love You Lord. In Jesus Name,
Amen

A prayer for a fresh start. If you haven't yet asked Jesus to be your Lord and Saviour why not make a fresh start at the beginning of this year. If you would like to, please say this prayer:
Dear Heavenly Father, I'm sorry for the wrong things I have said and done and for living my life without You. Please forgive me. I ask Jesus to be my Lord and Saviour so that I can live for You.
In Jesus Name Amen.