



a prayer for the NEW YEAR

Lord, please bless the coming year. Help me to use my time wisely and strengthen my resolve to consistently do all of the following:

Never stop praying (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Lord, teach me to pray without ceasing. Remind me to make prayer my first response rather than a last resort. Conform me to the image of Christ, that I might with Him pray, "Not my will, but Thine be done."

Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Lord, open my eyes to the needs of those around me. Help me to love my neighbors as I love myself & to put their interests ahead of my own. May every word I speak edify and uplift and point others to You.

Work without complaining (Philippians 2:14)

Place a guard on my mouth. God, that I might not grumble about the tasks I've been given to do. Help me to serve others with gladness & do my work heartily & cheerfully, as a sacrifice of praise unto You.

Yearn for Christ's return (Mark 13:32-33)

Lord, keep me mindful of the fact that my hope is not rooted in social movements or political reform, but in Christ alone. Speed the day of His return & let me be found faithfully doing His work when He appears.

Evangelize the lost (Mark 16:15)

Give me a heart for those who don't know You, God. May I boldly & urgently proclaim the gospel of grace & forgiveness of sins freely available to all who confess Jesus is Lord & believe You raised Him from the dead.

Acknowledge Him (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Don't let me outlive my love & devotion to You, Lord. Let my life serve as an example of what it means to trust You fully. May all I do & say & hope & think bring glory & honor to Your precious, holy name.

Redeem the time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

"Lord, teach us to number our days, that we might apply our hearts to wisdom." Don't let me squander my time on earth. Show me how to invest it wisely in activities & pursuits that will bear fruit for all of eternity.