

Prayers for the World

Each section of the prayer ends with:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

The Year in Review

*Song: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

We Commit Ourselves to Faithful Living

Prayer for Covenant Christian Reformed Church

Dedication to Holy Living: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" LUYH 746

Collect

O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day: let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds, that we may pass into the new year in joyful obedience and firm faith; through him who is the beginning and the end, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary,
bless the dying, soothe the suffering,
pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;
and all for your love's sake. Amen.**

*Benediction

In this new year, the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May Almighty God—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—
bless, preserve, and keep us this night and for evermore.

Amen.

*Closing Song: "Glory Be to the Father" LUYH 961

Worship Participants

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New Year's Eve

December 31, 2024



Prayer for the New Year

God of new beginnings, God of sacred endings,
we gather tonight under the shade of a darkened sky,
in this in-between time and space,
unsure of what the future holds,
awaiting transformation, renewal, the chance to begin again.
Our times are in Your hands, O God.
The future stretches out before us full of mystery and full of surprise.
We need You, God of New Beginnings, to set the course,
and guide our feet in the way of righteousness.
Our times are in Your hands, O God.

We Gather to Praise

Welcome

Opening Song: "In the Heavens Shone a Star" LUYH 94
Soloist sings vs.1,2; congregation joins on vs.3,4

*Celebration of the Light

Light and peace in Jesus Christ!

Thanks be to God!

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
 "who is, and who was, and who is to come" (Rev. 1:8)

Alleluia!

*Song: "Here I Am to Worship" LUYH 567

Scripture: Psalm 90

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
 throughout all generations.

2 **Before the mountains were born
 or you brought forth the whole world,
 from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

3 You turn people back to dust,
 saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

4 **A thousand years in your sight
 are like a day that has just gone by,
 or like a watch in the night.**

5 Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—
 they are like the new grass of the morning:

6 **In the morning it springs up new,
 but by evening it is dry and withered.**

7 We are consumed by your anger
 and terrified by your indignation.

8 **You have set our iniquities before you,
 our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

9 All our days pass away under your wrath;
 we finish our years with a moan.

10 **Our days may come to seventy years,
 or eighty, if our strength endures;
 yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,
 for they quickly pass, and we fly away.**

11 If only we knew the power of your anger!
 Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.

12 **Teach us to number our days,
 that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

13 Relent, Lord! How long will it be?
 Have compassion on your servants.

14 **Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
 that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
 for as many years as we have seen trouble.

16 **May your deeds be shown to your servants,
 your splendor to their children.**

17 May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
 establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.

Prayer

Song: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" LUYH 405:1-3,6

We Offer Prayers & Celebrate God's Faithfulness

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, who can make all things new,
 we humbly bring before you the record of our lives
 in the year now ending.

**Where life has been good to us,
 we give you thanks and praise.**

**Where we have been good to others,
 may our reward be your smiling face.**

**Where we have fallen short of your good pleasure,
 forgive us and free us from our sinful past.**

Silent Prayers

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer. Amen.

Words of Assurance

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 so great is God's steadfast love.

As far as the east is from the west,
 so far does God remove our sins from us.

Thanks be to God.