

A prayer for the New Year

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God of endings and beginnings,
God first and last,
we pray for all who are marking the end of another year.

We pray for those who long for this year to end.
Where there is sorrow,
bring comfort.
Where there is brokenness,
bring wholeness.
Where there is pain,
bring healing.

We pray for those who look back on this year with gratitude.
Where support and encouragement has been offered or received,
sustain community
Where life has been full of joy,
sustain wonder.
Where life has been awash with your presence,
sustain faith.

We pray for your world in all its glory and terror.
Where there is war,
may peace prevail.
Where there is injustice,
may your righteousness come.
Where creation is breaking,
may it be restored.

God of endings and beginnings,
God first and last,
as we stand on the threshold of a new year
send us the gift of the Spirit to reassure us that
by your goodness
we dwell in your love.
By your mercy
sin is forgiven.
By your grace
your kingdom is coming. Amen.