

A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

“BEHOLD, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW” (REVELATION 21:5, ESV). The year 2020 has been a year like no other. We’ve been united in suffering and divided by conflicts and differences. Many are weary and longing for renewal. Let’s welcome the new things that God will do in 2021.

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Pray for those who have suffered losses this past year, whether loss of loved ones, loss of work or the smaller but significant losses brought by the pandemic; ask for comfort and hope amid their grief.

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Pray for the creation and distribution of COVID-19 treatments, especially vaccines. Pray for smooth and equitable distribution, effectiveness and increased health for people around the world.

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Pray for renewal in families, churches, communities and countries that experienced heightened conflict and division in 2020. Pray that God will bring healing and reconciliation through the Holy Spirit.

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Reflect on your own circumstances: Where are you seeking renewal in 2021? What changes do you desire that only the Lord can bring about? Entrust these to him.

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Pray for children and families in poverty whose situations have become desperate in 2020. Ask God to be their hope and provision, and pray that the church will rise up to care for them.

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Praise God for his unfailing love! How have you sensed God loving you in 2020? Give thanks for the promise that “in all things God works for the good of those who love him” (Romans 8:28, NIV).

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What hopes and desires surfaced for you this week? Where do you feel called to intercede for others in the new year? Remember to rely on God’s faithfulness in all seasons.



But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

–LAMENTATIONS 3:21-23, ESV

