

A New Year's Blessing

May your inner vision be transformed so that you can see more clearly your own journey with all humankind as a journey of peace, hope, and bondedness (*Nm 24:15-17; Jn 20:20*)

May your God be someone you can lean on in your weak or painful moments. May you know God as your rock, your shelter, your strength, your wing of comfort and support (Ps 94:18)

May you be aware of all the places your feet carry you in the new year. May you know "How beautiful are the feet of the messenger of good news" (*Rom 10:15*)
May you not be afraid of the questions that press upon your mind and heart. May you welcome the questions and wait patiently for the day when they will have their answers (Mt 11:3)

May you be the one with welcome in your smile and hello etched upon your hand, the hand you extend to everyone who blesses you with presence (*Lk 7:36-50*)
May yours be the gift of reverence for all created things. May you face bravely and enthusiastically the responsibility to preserve and care for the beauty of the earth (Sir 42:15-43:33)

May the wellsprings of compassion flow deep within you, until you can taste the tears of your brothers and sisters (*2 Cor 1:3-7*)

May you awake each morning with thank you on your lips and in your heart, recognizing that all is gift, that all is blessing (Ps 138:1)

May your friendship with God be strong and healthy. May that love be both a comfort and a challenge as you struggle to find your way in the new year (*Jn 21:15-19*)

May your spirit be open and perceptive in discovering the will of God for you. May your prayer be that of wisdom, guidance, and a deeper understanding of God's way for you (Lk1:26-38)

May your life this new year be a living legacy to your God.

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